



Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity is Recruiting New Board Members

Board Member Position Description

Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity (UVHFH) is seeking new board members to join our volunteer Board of Directors. Serving on the UVHFH Board is a great way to give back to the Upper Valley community and dedicate time to the issue of affordable housing. This is a rewarding position and a chance to help a small but mighty organization continue its legacy of building safe, energy-efficient homes in the Upper Valley.

In addition to participating in monthly Board meetings (third Tuesday of every month, 6-7:30pm), Board Members typically join a committee and contribute time and effort to projects on that committee. Our current committees are Building, Family, Long-Term Sustainability, and Human Resources. A Board member can expect an average of 1-2 hours per week of volunteer work, which can be flexible to fit within other commitments.

We are currently recruiting individuals with experience and skills in real estate, banking, law, human resources, fundraising, and IT. We are also recruiting for a Building Committee Chairperson and Human Resources Chairperson.

The six core expectations of a board member are to provide financial oversight; provide strategic counsel and advice; donate both time and money; prepare for and attend board meetings; serve on or lead committees; and advocate for and champion the organization's mission in the broader community.

Prospective board members would join a virtual board meeting as a guest to meet our board, get a feel for the organization, and determine fit. From there, new members will be voted on and invited to join. New board members will receive training and a board mentor to help them onboard.

Organization Background:

Upper Valley Habitat has been serving the Upper Valley towns of Vermont and New Hampshire since 1986. Our model relies on scores of community volunteers working alongside Habitat partner families (who contribute 300 "sweat equity" hours) to help build quality homes for qualifying families and individuals to purchase through an affordable mortgage.

Our mission is to build safe, healthy, and energy-efficient homes; strengthen and enrich communities; and increase long-term hope, prosperity, health, and the lives of families and individuals in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire through the stability of affordable homeownership.

We create sustainable communities by promoting high-quality building and housing standards; leading and acting with compassion; supporting hands-on learning; and building and channeling the power of volunteers, supporters, and partner families to bring about positive change in the Upper Valley.

Our vision is a world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

In April 2021, UVHFH completed a renovation of an existing Habitat home in Lebanon with the Chin Family. This fall and winter we will conduct smaller repair projects and workshops and then break ground on a new, energy-efficient home in Lebanon for the Sargeant-Goodrich Family in Spring 2022.

For more information, please visit www.uvhabitat.org/bod or contact the Human Resources Committee at info@uvhabitat.org.