



Fundraising Ideas

- **Pray about it!**
Prayer empowers us to do God's work and helps us make difficult decisions.
- **Make Habitat a line item in the congregation's budget**
This will ensure regular participation in Habitat's work.
- **Serve your congregation's favorite dinner, desserts or ice cream**
Plan a social and spice it up with a speaker or a dance or performers.
- **Trade treasures at a garage sale**
People seem to give more, in every way, when a garage sale is connected with a cause.
- **Make noise with a silent auction**
Persuasive organizers can obtain terrific donations from area businesses. Proceeds can number in the thousands.
- **Get creative with a craft show**
Solicit crafters from the congregation or organization and the community to donate items or a portion of the sales.
- **Ask for alternative gifts**
A young man in a synagogue raised more than \$800 for Habitat as a bar-mitzvah project.

- **Make a model house**
Build a model house in which to collect donations. Place the house in a high traffic area.
- **Distribute Habitat house banks and fund-raising calendars**
- **Buy a brick**
Create a grid on a poster containing a drawing of a house. Sell sections of the grid and write donors' names in spaces.
- **Pound it home with a nail sale**
Paint the tips of nails and sell them — \$1 for bronze, \$3 for Silver, and \$5 for Gold.
- **Step out with the youth for a walkathon**
Set a high goal and challenge youth to obtain "over the top" pledges.
- **Collect a mile of pennies or nickels or dimes**
Have your resident genius figure out how much that would net and then get to work.
- **Crank up a concert**
Invite members or local artists to give a benefit concert for Habitat.
- **Collect aluminum cans**
- **Promote an alternative Christmas**
Sell Christmas ornaments or other items. You may prefer to simply ask for donations. Provide gift or acknowledgement cards.
- **Honor special friends at homecoming**
When you gather to celebrate the heritage of faith in your congregation, ask for donations to be made in honor or memory of special people. Create certificates.
- **Plan special offerings**
Designate a specific Sunday, a holiday, a Habitat month or fifth Sundays as times for special Habitat offerings. Publicize this early and be aggressive.
- **Try the tried and true**
Bake sales, auctions, babysitting, preparing mailings for businesses and clean up days for donations are often still great fundraisers.



Apostles Build



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What is an Apostles Build?

This type of build is a partnership that allows twelve individual churches and organizations to join together to help fund and build a house for a local family. As Jesus' original apostles were charged with spreading the word about Jesus, our twelve "apostles" are charged with assisting in Habitat's mission to provide decent, affordable housing for God's children.

How will it work?

Each "apostle" will be responsible for \$3000 of the home and one of the volunteer build days to build the home. It's that simple. You will need to raise a little money, recruit volunteers, and provide a liaison as a contact person and you'll be ready. The liaison will work alongside our project manager to facilitate communication.

What are the responsibilities?

Here is a brief list of what each "apostle" will be responsible for:

1. Select someone to serve as a liaison between your church/organization and Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County (HFHCC).
2. Select coordinators for volunteers, lunches, and fundraising events.
3. Raise your church/organization's commitment of \$3000 to fund the build.
4. Promote the build within your congregation/organization.
5. Select a day to work (based upon the build schedule) and provide the labor (10-20 volunteers) or that Saturday.
6. Bring a water cooler (coffee and donuts are optional) and lunches for the volunteers, partner family, and any extra crew leaders.
7. Encourage your members to attend the ceremonies held at the worksite. These will include the groundbreaking and the dedication.

What will Habitat provide?

1. Lot for the build
2. Partner family
3. Construction manager and crew leaders

Letter of intent (sample)

This agreement is established between Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County and _____ (church/organization name), which will serve as an apostle partner. In signing this letter the parties agree to the following:

1. Habitat selects the partner family, provides a lot to build on, and will provide construction personnel to oversee the building of the house.
2. _____ (church/organization name), will pray for the ministry of Habitat and will provide the labor (1 crew for 1 day) and funds (\$3000) to construct the house.
3. \$3000 will be due to HFHCC by April 2, 2020.

Our first build day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County will sell the house to the partner family with a zero percent interest mortgage. The mortgage principal will then be used to build homes in partnership with future families in need of simple, decent, affordable homes.

(Authorized Church Leader)

(Habitat Affiliate President)