

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FACT SHEET

How to find your local Habitat for Humanity organization

Go to Habitat.org

On the home page there is a box where you can enter your zip code and it will provide you with the email and phone number for your local organization.

Some examples of “hands on” activities where the club could partner with Habitat for Humanity (These activities are eligible for GCFP funds – see application on the GCFP web site under Forms)

Assist the new owner with designing some or all of their new yard

Provide of all or part of the front garden with plants

working with new owner to design the bed (s)

provide education of how to care for plants

purchase, from club funds, some or all of the plants

Provide club member assistance to plant one of more planting bed

Have club members, working with owner, assist in planting

Donate time to actually build the structure

What types of monetary donations are available (These activities are not eligible for GCFP funds – funds would come from your own club)

Donate to national Habitat for Humanity

Donate to local Habitat for Humanity organization

(Note: once monies are donated directly to the national or local organization you cannot earmark a specific item or activity)

Interaction with local Habitat for Humanity contact

As you work with your local Habitat for Humanity contact be clear that whatever you do is only if the club has available funds (for the plants, etc.) and/or available time.

Suggest that your club develop an agreement or guidelines with the local Habitat of Humanity organization. See example below.

Habitat for Humanity Guidelines

(Garden Club Name) in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity will be within the following guidelines:

1. (Club) will commit to no more than one Habitat project a year. All projects are subject to availability of funds.
2. (Club) will provide design and plants for the front exterior directly in front of the structure on both the immediate sides of the main doorway. GGC will not provide sod, side, or rear yard plants or designs.
3. (Club) will work with the owner of the structure to define a final plan. To the degree possible, native plants and pollinators will be used.
4. The owner of the structure is expected to contribute to the actual planting and will be fully responsible for the ongoing maintenance. Club members will also provide assistance for initial planting.
5. (Club) will provide basic education on how to plant and ongoing care of the plants chosen.
6. Any other issues that occur during design or planting will be addressed by the Club at that time.