



# Partnering With Habitat For Humanity In Building Our Faith Community

Knights of Columbus – Saints Cosmas & Damian Council 13341  
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

# Objectives



- Increase involvement and develop a stronger partnership with Manatee County Habitat For Humanity that will:
  - Increase service hours through volunteering on existing and new Habitat projects in the County
  - Provide home repairs, improvements or maintenance assistance to parish members in need (elderly, sick, Veterans, handicapped)
- Increase Community Services involvement and contribution in achieving the STAR Council Award
- Become a model for Habitat in their initiative to engage churches (i.e. OLA) and faith based groups (i.e. Knights of Columbus) in the work of Habitat
- Participate in Habitat's 2018 & beyond "Faith Build" in which churches and faith-based groups partner to raise money and build a Habitat home (preferably in our community)

# Activity To Date

- Have completed consecutive monthly onsite projects since January 2017
- Established relationships with the Habitat Director for Manatee County, Board and staff members
- Donated a committed \$5,000. toward the 2018 Faith Build home initiative.
- Have delivered hundreds of Council volunteer hours to date
- Community Director and now Chairman has maintained the liaison role with Habitat and it's Board. He a member of the Faith Relations Committee and Steering Committee for the 2018 Faith Build initiative

# Ongoing Objectives/Goals



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- Identify projects for parish members (elderly, handicapped, hardships) and provide specs to Habitat
- Identify any **Veteran** projects for renovation or new builds
- Continue to grow the number of Knights and their service hours on Habitat projects
- Identify Habitat service hours for parish students and youth group members
- Explore potential combined (Habitat, Knights of Columbus & OLA) fund raising activities
- Attract new Knights with community service interests and experience
- Publish accomplishments/successes and promote through Public Relations Director

# New Project Candidates & General Notes



- Habitat Home Preservation Categories: See Slide 7 for overview
  - Weatherization Projects – e.g., wall & ceiling insulation, roof tiles or shingles, windows, etc.
  - Critical Home Repair Projects – e.g., roof leaks, mold, handicap ramps, etc.
  - “Brush With Kindness” Projects – Outdoor – e.g., external house painting, yard cleanup, tree/shrub trimming, etc. – normally 1 day but may extend
- No required skill sets of Brother Knights or their wives who volunteer! Just the desire to help the elderly, poor, handicapped or less fortunate in our faith community
- Any Knights’ trade skills are welcomed with open arms!
- New homeowner candidates contact Habitat and are processed through Habitat’s Family Services for qualification

“Habitat offers home repair services to homeowners so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes for years to come. Some of our home repair work includes painting, landscaping, weatherization and minor repair services.”

- “How does Home Preservation work?”
  - Families partner with Habitat based on income, need and willingness to help.
  - We use volunteer labor and donated materials to keep costs low.
  - An affordable loan is made to the homeowner to cover the cost of the work.
  - Payments are placed in a revolving fund to help Home Preservation serve others in need.
  - This program would not be possible without the generosity of Valspar, the co-founder and underwriter of the Home Preservation program.
- Why does Habitat offer these exterior maintenance services?
  - Families need to live in safe and well-maintained homes.
  - Neighborhoods become revitalized.
  - Community connections are made.
  - Affordable housing inventory is preserved.”

**Source:** Habitat for Humanity Website



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## For More Information...

- Go to: Manatee County Habitat for Humanity Website:  
<http://www.manateehabitat.org/>
- Note; You can donate your time, treasure and talent individually through a monetary donation, furniture and/or household goods donation to a Habitat ReStore (tax deductible), or volunteering (service hours) to work in a ReStore showroom, or provide administrative assistance
- Go to: Habitat for Humanity Official Website:  
<http://www.habitat.org/>
- To volunteer, call or email: John Joly, Habitat Chairman: Cell; 951-712-0546, or email; [jojoly@earthlink.net](mailto:jojoly@earthlink.net)