

## **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga Family Selection Committee Member: Volunteer Position**

**Volunteer Service Description:** Assist Habitat for Humanity to find potential Partner Families through the application process and make recommendations of families for Habitat homes, as well as to approve families for homes. The committee sets the tone for the relationship with Partner Families and also helps to educate the public, Habitat Board members and other committees on the federal Fair Housing Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act, as they affect the work of Habitat for Humanity.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend monthly Family Selection Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)
- Serve as a home interviewer and financial reviewer; attend relevant trainings for these positions
- Make fair, legal, and compassionate selection decisions that honor families dreams, history, and realities
- Act as an ambassador in the community for Habitat's Family Selection Committee
- Select, with the rest of the committee, applicant families for Habitat homes.

**Volunteer Impact:** Being a Family Selection Committee Member will provide you with being personally rewarded by giving back to the community. It also allows you to gaining opportunities to network, meet new friends, and establish professional contacts and references. This is an opportunity to provide the most needy with the ability to become a homeowner.

**Age Requirements:** Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

**Skill Qualifications:** A Family Selection Committee member must have positive interpersonal communications skills, an eagerness to work with low-income families, experience with human services or affordable housing and knowledge or experience with the mortgage lending process or real estate.

**Time Commitment:** Committee meetings take place the second Thursday of each month. Attend a *minimum* of nine monthly meetings per year (year as defined by committee members start-date); meetings last from 1.5 - 3 hours. Attend relevant trainings (financial review, home interview, etc.)

**Training & Supervision:** Provided by the Director of Family Services

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