

Central Berkshire  
**Habitat for Humanity®**  
**BUILD & REPAIR CORPS**



## ABOUT HABITAT

Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity has been providing homeownership opportunities and community support for over 25 years. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. With the help of local volunteers, donors, and trades professionals, 38 families have become first-time homeowners of Habitat built houses. A safe, affordable home helps children do better in school, decreases stress and illness, and increases economic stability.



## ABOUT BUILD & REPAIR CORPS

Habitat Build & Repair Corps is an 11-month training program through AmeriCorps service that prepares members for a job in the construction trade. Members are welcome from all walks of life and need not have any previous experience in construction. Instructors will guide members in training projects, site safety, construction planning, and hands-on home building. Working alongside volunteers and professionals, members will have the skills and confidence to be placed in an industry position.



## HOW IT WORKS

**1. APPLY** - learn more & apply at [www.berkshirehabitat.org/build-corps](http://www.berkshirehabitat.org/build-corps)

Paper copies available at the Habitat office **314 Columbus Ave., Pittsfield** or by mail **(413-442-3181)**

**2. INTERVIEW** - talk with our construction & program staff about your goals and learn more about what the AmeriCorps can offer you.

**3. JOIN** - become part of the Habitat Construction Crew and the 1 million strong network of AmeriCorps leaders.

**4. BUILD** - gain the skills to build affordable housing and lead change in your community.

**5. SUCCEED** - Take your experience to the next level and create your unique pathway to success.

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Rolling Start Dates August 31 - September 30, 2020**

**End Date July 30, 2021**

**Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm**

- Construction Crew Members participate in 11 months of hands-on training (1700 hours).
- Main job site: Pittsfield, MA.
- Actively assist in the building and repairing of local homes.
- Lead volunteers and maintain site safety.

## BENEFITS

**During & After Service**

- \$14,279 living stipend to cover basic expenses.
- \$6,195 education award to pay for future education or repay qualified student loans.
- OSHA 30 professional construction safety training & CPR + First Aid certifications.
- Essential healthcare coverage

## Q&A

### **How old do I need to be to participate?**

Minimum age is 17. There is no upper limit on age.

### **Do I need to have construction experience?**

You do not need any prior experience. You will learn about tools, techniques, and safety while you work.

### **Do I need my own transportation?**

Our team meets every morning at our main office, 314 Columbus Ave., Pittsfield. We provide transportation to and from the office to the construction site.

### **Do I need a degree?**

You **do not** need a college degree to serve.  
You **do** need a high school or GED education.

### **Will I get paid?**

Yes, you will receive a modest living allowance throughout your term of service.

