



# All Things Ignatian



## Creighton University Habitat for Humanity

### Who We Are

Creighton University Habitat for Humanity is a student run organization that works to bring affordable houses to deserving families in need. We work with the Council Bluffs, Iowa division of Habitat for Humanity International. Our goal as a student organization is to involve students in this valuable service by building new houses, rehabilitating houses, and by educating the campus about affordable housing issues.

CU Habitat welcomes all members of the Creighton and Omaha communities to sign up and volunteer at our builds. Our chapter also offers something different, however, for those volunteers wanting to get more involved in CU Habitat - membership! Chapter members become involved in all areas of our organization and are offered a wider range of service-oriented opportunities and privileges. Basically, while volunteers help us work on the home, members go beyond this and participate in the social, developmental, reflective, and organizational facets of the club.



*The final touches that make a house a home*

### What We Do

As a group we bring together students who are driven to give their time and energy to better the lives of families in need. After spending a day working at a site, our volunteers leave with a closer connection to the community, especially those most in need in our community. Habitat volunteers also learn and develop leadership skills that are applicable in all walks of life. Those who have no construction skills are taught by the on-site crew and are encouraged to do whatever work is within their abilities and comfort zone. Volunteers leave the build site knowing that they have helped others and with new skills and new friends!

Overall Creighton Habitat for Humanity has constructed seven new houses in the area in their entirety. These houses are valued at around \$80,000. Further, we have donated our time to countless other houses that have been constructed with our help plus the help of numerous other community volunteer groups.



*Students hard at work for the sake of the greater good.*

### How Habitat Works

Recipients of Habitat for Humanity houses have shown that they are financially able to afford low-cost mortgages on their Habitat homes. Habitat uses these mortgage payments to fund the building of more homes for more families.

As a group, we help make these low-cost homes possible by volunteering our time to build these houses. Our volunteer work allows Habitat to provide these houses at affordable prices. The homeowner families also put "sweat equity" into their homes, often times working alongside our volunteers groups helping build their dreams for a better future.



*Student learning the fine art of demolition*



*Teamwork helps build the dream faster*



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