

Namasthe,

We are thrilled to come to you with news about the "**Upahar Project**" an Indian Community Initiative for giving back to the community in which we live and thrive. The **Upahar project** is lending a "hand up" to a struggling family in helping them work towards owning their first home. We have partnered with the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity organization in sponsoring one home build. Our goal is to generate the entire sponsorship amount of \$80,000 and provide volunteers for each of the 8 days of house build.

How can you help?

1. Donate generously through this

link: <https://give.atlantahabitat.org/give/509613/#!/donation/checkout>

2. Volunteer to work on the house build: One of the ways you can help is by signing up to volunteer for each of the house build days which happen on 8 Saturdays starting January 27. You will find this experience fun, exciting and above all satisfying, and you may even pick up a few handyman skills at the end of each build day! When you register, remember that you are committing to participate in the entire day's activities starting from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm.

BUILD DATES & TIME – VENUE

Build Day 1: Saturday, January 27, 7:30am-12:30pm – 824 Memorial Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30316 (Atlanta Habitat Warehouse).

Build Day 2: Saturday, Feb 3, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 3: Saturday, Feb 17, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 4: Saturday, Feb 24, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 5: Saturday, March 2, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 6: Saturday, March 9, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 7: Saturday, March 16, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Build Day 8: Saturday, March 23, 7:30am-3:30pm – 2854 3rd Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Here's the link to sign up!

<https://atlantahabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/upahar24/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION.

When you register, you are committing to the entire build day, start to finish. You must register to build through the registration link below in order to participate. **IMPORTANT NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSSES 1 WEEK PRIOR TO EACH BUILD DATE.**

***We would like to invite you to encourage family and friends to participate on the build as well!** Each volunteer must register themselves through their **own** VolunteerHub account. Minimum volunteer age is 16.

FAQ's

- Water, snacks, and lunch will be provided as well as all necessary tools and supplies. If you'd like to bring your own clearly labeled hand tools, feel free to do so. It is highly recommended to bring your own gloves. No personal power tools allowed.
- Volunteers of all skill levels and experience welcome! Atlanta Habitat has highly trained House Leaders and Volunteer Skilled Supervisors to guide you through the tasks and keep you safe.
- We build rain or shine! Even if it's storming at the beginning of the build day, please still show up. Most of the weather clears out if we just wait for a few minutes.
 - o Dress for the weather.
 - o Hydrate well *several days before* the build.
 - o Bring a refillable water bottle
 - o See the Volunteer Info packet (attached) for more build day and build day task info.

See you at the build! Let us know if you have any questions.
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