

INDIANA DISTRICT REQUEST HELP OVER THE SUMMER AND FALL TO REBUILD HOMES DESTROYED IN THE FLOODS OF 2008

We are in need of volunteers who have skills in the following areas:

Framing  
Installing Windows  
Rough Carpentry  
Painting  
Trim Carpentry  
Drywall - Hanging, Mudding and Taping  
Install Doors  
Exterior Siding  
Tile Work  
Crew Supervision

In addition to construction sites, we are still sifting through 60 more muck and gut projects where skills are not necessary, just the willingness to work hard and get a little dirty. We usually have youth groups do this for us.

We are also in need of qualified site supervisors who would be willing to work with volunteer groups that come in and stay for a week at a time. This would consist of both skilled site supervisors as well as ones for our muck and gut sites. This would be perfect for someone who is retired who would not mind spending a week with a group of youth and provide instruction as well as direction for the particular site they are working on.

We also have volunteer housing available for groups that come from a distance and stay anywhere from one night to a week or more at a time. All four of our housing locations have kitchen and shower facilities. We do not ask for donations from work crews that come here. We do ask if possible that they provide a cook and their own food if possible. If they need food from us to supplement their trip, we can deal with that on a case by case basis. We do get donations and do have a few volunteers who are willing to feed volunteer groups that can not provide that for themselves or if it makes a difference whether they can come to our organization or not.

Locally, we are looking for groups willing to go in to our volunteer housing after volunteer groups leave to clean the home and get it ready for the next group to come in. We would provide cleaning materials, we just need the volunteers to use them!

We are also looking for individuals who we can call upon willing to supervise youth groups coming in on weekends to do muck and gut projects.

Maybe that local volunteer Dianna was speaking of would be willing to do that?

While volunteer groups are here, we are also looking for church groups willing to provide meals (mostly dinners) to the volunteer groups. This can be done for an entire week for a specific group or just one meal depending on the ability of your congregation. Some churches have even gone as far as planning a pot luck for their congregation at the time the groups are scheduled and inviting that group to join them for dinner. This provides you with a great fellowship opportunity and a

time for volunteers to get to know those in the communities they are working in.

As far as dates, our calendar is wide open over the summer and well into the fall. We can handle skilled groups of 15-20 per week at least right now, and muck and gut crews of 10-15 per week with housing ample for that number of volunteers.

To address the question about youth groups, I am totally fine with youth groups. We do have some requirements. They need to be High School Age.

Those 18 and under need to get parental approval on our Volunteer Registration form. Anyone 14 years of age needs to have a 1 on 1 adult assigned to them, with parental permission on the form. We like youth groups to have a 1 adult to 7 or 8 youth ratio.

To get scheduled with LARRI, all they have to do is call me. I will slot them into our calendar where we have need based on their availability and skill. I truly appreciate your effort in contacting Dianna and hopefully we can work with them on a regular basis since they are so close. If you have any more questions - please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to answer any questions you or a potential volunteer group may have.