University of Richmond and Richmond Habitat for Humanity

Spring 2010 House Build
Week 1:
February 24-27
After hours of hammering, St. Catherine’s and St. Christopher’s volunteers prepare to raise the first wall of the house!
Up...
...and away!
Volunteers celebrate the results of their hard work!
University of Richmond students learn how to build a wall.
UR volunteers put up the final wall of the house on Saturday, February 27!
...and all four walls are up!
UR students and community volunteers celebrate a productive Saturday!
Week 2:
March 3-6
UR facilities staff begin to frame the interior and install the top plate of the house.
Volunteers celebrate a productive work day with homeowner, Mary Grayson, center.
UR Richmond College Dean’s Office volunteers celebrate the end of week 3!
Week 4:
March 17-19
Week 6:
March 31-April 3
Week 7:
April 7-10
UR President Edward Ayers chats with Habitat construction superintendent Maria Tisdale.
Guests gather on the lawn of the Habitat house to celebrate the Habitat build as well as the four-year anniversary of the University’s partnership with the Highland Park community through the Build It initiative.
UR and RMHFH

The University’s involvement with Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity (RMHFH) dates back to 1989 when a group of UR students volunteered on the first Habitat home build in metropolitan Richmond. Since that time the UR community has volunteered on countless Habitat builds.
Guests gather on the lawn of the Habitat house to celebrate Build It’s four-year anniversary with the Highland Park community.
Build It Celebrates Four Years

The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement launched Build It, the University’s largest civic-engagement initiative, in fall 2005. During the 2009-10 academic year, approximately 120 UR students participated in Build It each semester by volunteering on a weekly basis in Highland Park and its environs in Northside Richmond.
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Partnering with Highland Park

Build It participants currently volunteer at two Northside public schools and four Northside nonprofits. They serve as tutors and mentors, develop and implement initiatives in response to community-identified need, undertake research and development projects, perform administrative duties, and interact with clients.
Build It Action Group member Dominique Simon welcomes guests and introduces President Ayers.
UR President Edward Ayers speak at the Build It anniversary celebration.
Arachnophilia, UR Facilities band, performs on the Habitat house porch at the Build It anniversary celebration.
UR Habitat Chapter President Matt Wentworth, Richmond Habitat President and CEO Leisha LaRiviere, and CCE Executive Director Amy Howard listen to President Ayers’ speech.
Cassie Price, Build It program manager and staff advisor for the UR Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, talks with Northside Outreach Center director Butch Johnson.
Habitat homeowner, Mary Grayson, speaks at the Build It celebration.
Homeowner Mary Grayson smiles from the window of her new house.