

The Volunteer Spotlight is here to honor those who have gone above and beyond for Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio! Thank you to each and every individual and group listed below for your amazing dedication and support of Habitat MidOhio. We are a better organization because of you!

Habitat wants to shine a special light of thanks on... Chris Geyer and Adam Erlichman!



Chris Geyer: Thursday Evening Crew Lead

Chris Geyer got an email at work one day, encouraging employees to volunteer their time with Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio. Chris was intrigued by the email and logged onto Habitat's volunteer hub and found a listing for the Thursday Evening Crew. As a full time employee with the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Chris thought this was a great opportunity to fit Habitat into his schedule.

Chris came out to his first Thursday evening shift and worked with site lead, Al Finnical, and had a great time. When Al got hired on as a full time employee, Chris took over as the Thursday evening crew lead. Since then he's learned many valuable construction and people skills while volunteering on site.

Chris enjoys working with the regulars that come out on a weekly basis and is happy to call his crew his friends. It's been rumored that these friends hang out at Roosters for food and fun, after their volunteer shift. Chris also enjoys meeting new volunteers and doing something hands on. The construction site is a far cry from his day job, and he enjoys being able to see his accomplishments at the end of an evening.

Outside of Habitat, Chris is the captain of a soccer team and enjoys playing tennis. He is currently celebrating the fact that all three of his children are either currently enrolled, or have graduated college. He is a very proud father.

Chris says that Habitat is “a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet friendly people, and contribute to the community.”



Adam Erlichman: New Albany Housing Partnership Volunteer, New Albany High School Habitat Club President, Speaker’s Bureau Volunteer

In 2010, Adam Erlichman decided to get involved with New Albany High School’s Habitat Club, not really knowing a lot about what Habitat did. He was fourteen years old then, which made him too young to volunteer on an active construction site. Therefore, Adam got started by volunteering in the ReStore. Adam enjoyed working in the store, but was anxious to get on site once he turned 16. When the time finally came, Adam worked on a house in Whitehall with the Talla family. Adam will never forget Mr. Talla, and his story. He was an immigrant with a large family who worked a full time job at night. Mr. Talla would get off work at 6AM, sleep for a few hours, and meet the construction crew on site at 8:30AM. Adam said that sometimes when he’s tired or exhausted, he thinks of Mr. Talla and other Habitat partner families, and it encourages him to keep going.

Adam has learned a lot about Habitat and its mission over the years and now serves as the high school’s Habitat Club president. He chose Habitat as the topic for his senior seminar project and is actively involved with the New Albany Housing Partnership. Adam enjoys volunteering with Habitat because of the people. He is always thrilled about how friendly and kind the volunteers and partner family members are.

Outside of Habitat, Adam plays saxophone and runs on the track and cross country teams. He does research at OSU during the summer and works two part-time jobs. Adam’s personal life is bursting with the excitement of senior year. He just went to prom a few weeks ago and is now gearing up for graduation. As of right now, Adam is still deciding on what’s next for him. He plans to either commit to a year of service with Habitat AmeriCorps or attend college.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom for future volunteers, Adam said, “Just get out there. All you have to do is make yourself present.”