



Anne Hammerstein- Tuesday Crew Construction Volunteer, Meals on Wheels Food Deliverer, and Franklin County Juvenile Court's Restorative Justice Circles Volunteer

Since the summer of 2015, Anne has volunteered for Habitat MidOhio as a member of the loyal Tuesday Crew. She enjoys volunteering with us because “volunteering with Habitat brings home to me the need for safe, affordable housing in the Columbus metropolitan area”. In the past two years, Anne has donated over 200 hours to building new homes for Habitat Partner families and repairing Columbus community member’s homes.

Anne enjoys working beside our partner families on our constructions sites, as they contribute nearly 200 hours of their time building their own home. Our partner families, who she describes as “hard-working and gracious to volunteers”, are what keep her coming back to volunteer with us. Anne believes that “Habitat MidOhio is an organization worthy of investment through your time, treasure or talents”. She hopes you join her on a construction site, where you not only give back to your community but can also learn valuable skills to help you care for your own home. If construction isn’t your thing, she encourages volunteers to use their skills by volunteering at a ReStore, helping out with special events, or being one of our volunteer photographers.

Her four children and four grandchildren keep her busy, and soon she’ll be even busier because her family continues to grow as she prepares for the upcoming marriage of her son. When she’s not spending time with her family or on a Habitat construction site, you might find her volunteering with the Franklin County Juvenile Court’s Restorative Justice Circles or delivering food for Meals on Wheels. In addition to volunteering at these great organizations, she serves on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus.

Make sure to say hi to Anne when you see her on one of our construction sites!



Bridgette Wellington-Office Support Volunteer, Family Advocate, and a Habitat MidOhio Home Owner

Since the early 2000's, Bridgette has been an active and loyal volunteer at Habitat MidOhio. After working towards owning her own Habitat home, she has since become a family advocate for other families. In addition to working with other Habitat partner families, Bridgette has volunteered at Rock the Blocks and various speakers bureau events. It is her belief that Habitat is a "hand in, not a handout", because once you are immersed in the mission you never want to stop helping and giving back to our community.

Bridgette recently retired after working 25 years at the Attorney General's Office, and since then she has enjoyed spending more time with her children and extended family. In addition to being an active member at Trinity Baptist Church, she is also Sister of Friends which is a group that works towards empowering women through Jesus Christ. Since she's retired, she's been looking for other ways to get involved and is considering volunteering as a 211 hotline support. The 211 hotline provides information about human services and health services available to Americans, and she said that because all of her neighbors and friends already come to her for information about these types of resources she feels she would be the perfect candidate to help this hotline.

When asked what her favorite part of volunteering with Habitat MidOhio was, Bridgette said that when she became a partner family she "made Habitat her first priority" and that "the more I give back to Habitat, the more blessed I feel". Throughout her years of involvement with Habitat, she said she's learned a lot from the different home maintenance classes and even home

decorating classes she's taken. One of the lessons she learned from her classes that she hopes other people who are looking to purchase a house learn is the importance of prioritization. Sometimes owning a house and paying for its upkeep is more important than paying for unnecessary things, and that's just some of the advice she shares with the families she leads in her Habitat Partnership Group.