



Shared Experience

LOWE'S ASSOCIATES DO MORE THAN IMPROVE HOMES—THEY HELP BUILD THEM.




Wolunteers involved with Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program love seeing the joy in families becoming new homeowners. They also recognize the warmth that the project generates in themselves.

ABOVE: Lowe's associate Cindy Williams (center) thanks fellow Women Build volunteers Margaret-Ann Griffin (left) and Alejandra Pinzon for a good day's work at a Habitat for Humanity home in North Carolina.

April Ghousson, a Lowe's store manager in Albuquerque, New Mexico, helped organize a Women Build project in her city. "The new homeowner was a single mother with long-term health problems who continued to work two jobs and raise two teenage boys," she says. "The boys were terrific kids, and they participated in the color guard at the groundbreaking ceremony. It was very gratifying."

Cindy Williams, a community relations specialist at Lowe's corporate headquarters in North Carolina, says she hopes to join more Women Build efforts. "The camaraderie was great between new volunteers, Habitat veterans, and the new homeowners," she recalls. "And it was neat to get insight into how to build a home."

Habitat's Women Build program organizes all-female crews to build houses alongside new homeowners. Lowe's, a major contributor to Habitat for Humanity for several years, was a national underwriter for the Women Build program in 2004.

Listed here are the cities where Women Build houses are being constructed; all of the projects could use your help.  To learn more about Habitat for Humanity and Women Build, visit Lowe.com/CIHabitat.

- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Mooresville, North Carolina
- New York, New York
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Portland, Oregon
- Stafford, Texas