

# Volunteer Ideas for Every Age & Skill Level

Hands-On Ways for Youth to Support Habitat Families

## Volunteer Snack Bag or Basket

*To donate to the Pasadena ReStore to help furnish future homes*

- Decorate paper lunch bags or small totes with thank-you messages and drawings
- Pack healthy snacks (granola bars, trail mix, crackers, fruit cups, water bottles)
- Include a small “Thank You for Building!” note in each bag
- Tie each bag with ribbon or a sticker for easy grab-and-go
- Sort bags into a larger basket or box for delivery
- Optional: Create a big “Volunteer Fuel Station” sign if giving snacks at an event

## Welcome Home Basket

*For Home Dedications to welcome first-time Habitat homeowners into their new home.*

- Decorate a basket or reusable tote with ribbons or a “Welcome Home” tag
- Write a handmade welcome card with encouraging messages or drawings
- Help select items from a provided list (dish towels, kitchen utensils, mugs, candles)
- Fold or arrange items neatly inside the basket
- Create a “House Rules of Happiness” art page with positive quotes

## Utility & Home Organization Kit

*First emergency & starter kit for a new home*

- Collect and sort small items like flashlights, batteries, basic tools, and extension cords
- Assemble a small binder with labeled pouches for important documents
- Roll and tie extension cords or tape battery packs neatly
- Create laminated “Quick Safety Tips” cards with drawings for younger homeowners
- Label boxes or bags for easy unpacking

## Decor Kit

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- Paint or decorate small picture frames
- Create small handmade wall art (watercolor, inspirational quotes)
- Collect gently used or new decorative items (vases, throw pillows, clocks)
- Clean items with safe, non-toxic wipes
- Pack and label decor donations in themed boxes (“Living Room Decor,” “Kitchen Touches”)

## Back to School Supplies Kit

- Sort school supplies into pencil cases or small bags
- Create cheerful bookmarks for students
- Add positive note cards (“You’ve got this!” or “Have an amazing school year!”)
- Help pack items by grade level (elementary vs. middle school)
- Decorate the supply boxes with stickers or colored paper