

Build
like a
Girl!



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What is the Girl PowerHouse?

Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County's "Girl PowerHouse" build is an effort organized by women and "powered" by women volunteers who want to be actively involved with addressing the problem of substandard housing in our Pinellas County community. Women volunteers come together from all walks of life to swing hammers and raise the roof to build secure, affordable homes where children and families can thrive.

The Need

Overcrowded. Substandard. Financially burdened. These problems create instability in our community, weaken our economy, and even impact health and educational success. These problems are an everyday reality for many Pinellas County children and families. For instance, nearly 40 percent of our population spends too much of their income on housing.

In Pinellas County, 129,815 low-income households pay more than 30% of their annual income for housing. Of these households, 75,826 are burdened with paying between 40% – 60% of their annual income for housing.* In a decent, affordable home, a family can break the cycle of poverty in a generation. And kids are the first to benefit by living in a stable, secure home. They are healthier, have fewer behavioral problems and they perform better in school, according to studies by Habitat International.

Who We're Building For

Kimberly Sparks, a Lincare customer service representative, has been renting a one bedroom apartment that she shares with her 12 year old daughter, Sarah. As her daughter grows, Kim needs a home with more space to raise her in a stable secure environment. Kim's modest income made the dream of homeownership unattainable. Habitat Pinellas and the "Girl PowerHouse" build will change all that!

Where We're Building

10240 109th Ave., Largo

It will take 1,500 volunteer hours to build Kim's home!



Grab a Hammer, Grab a Friend – Let's Build!

- **NO CONSTRUCTION SKILLS ARE NEEDED!**
No experience is necessary. We provide onsite training and tools.
- **Volunteer construction opportunities will begin shortly!**
- **Groups need to contact our volunteer coordinator Linzy Wilson at volunteer@HabitatPinellas.org or 727-536-4775, ext. 208.**
- **Volunteers will receive "Girl PowerHouse" tshirts.**

* Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, University of Florida