



## Construction Volunteer – Job Description

### *New Homes, New Beginnings*

#### **Objective:**

General Construction Volunteers work on our New Homes, New Beginnings teams to help build a home for a family in a day. These one day home builds take place in colonias on the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico.

#### **Outline of Volunteer Responsibilities:**

- Working on construction-related tasks with the team
- Following safety guidelines
- Reporting directly to the IRT team leader on the team

#### **Schedule:**

IRT sends 7 teams a year to Tijuana with a break in the summer due to heat. Teams are 1 day long with volunteers meeting at and departing from the IRT office in Mission Valley.

#### **Time Commitment:**

Volunteers must be able to commit to the entire day. *The day starts at 5:30 am with volunteers meeting at the IRT office, the bus departing at 6 am, and depending on the border wait time returning at 6:30 pm.*

#### **Financial Commitment:**

A tax-deductible team fee for this program is \$50 which covers transportation, snacks, and water. Volunteers are responsible for their own lunch.

#### **Training and Support:**

- Volunteers will receive a confirmation email once they sign up with the Program Coordinator who will provide them with the paperwork required to be on the team.
- Volunteers receive direction and support from IRT staff, Volunteer Team Lead and Volunteer Skilled Supervisors.
- IRT provides power tools, construction supplies, and hand tools to volunteers.

**Qualifications:**

- Valid passport
- This is a “REAL” construction site- Be prepared to work hard and get dirty
- Able and willing to take directions and do things the “IRT” way
- Must be at least 12 years old
- Volunteers must complete all paperwork
- *No prior construction experience is needed*