Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity® Young Professionals

2026

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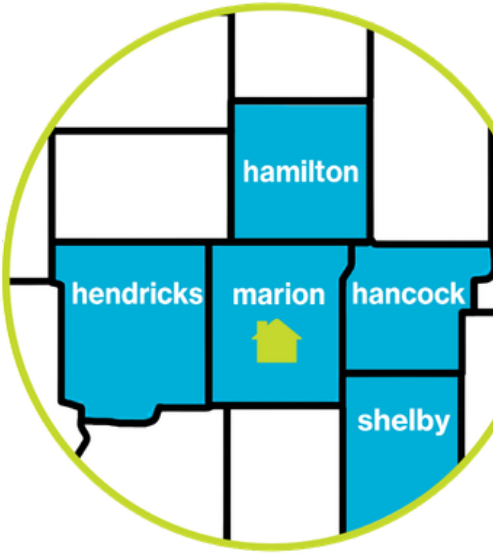
Prospective Member Information



About the Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity Affiliate

Greater Indy Habitat envisions our community as a place where every resident has access to quality homeownership and the benefits it provides. A decent and affordable home is a key to better health, economic opportunity, and sustainability.

Each Habitat homeowner completes financial literacy and home maintenance classes, in addition to building their future home. Partnering with corporate, faith, and individual donors and volunteers, Habitat for Humanity provides local households the opportunity to purchase and own their first home. Habitat also preserves homes through owner-occupied repairs and provides housing solutions in El Salvador and Kenya.

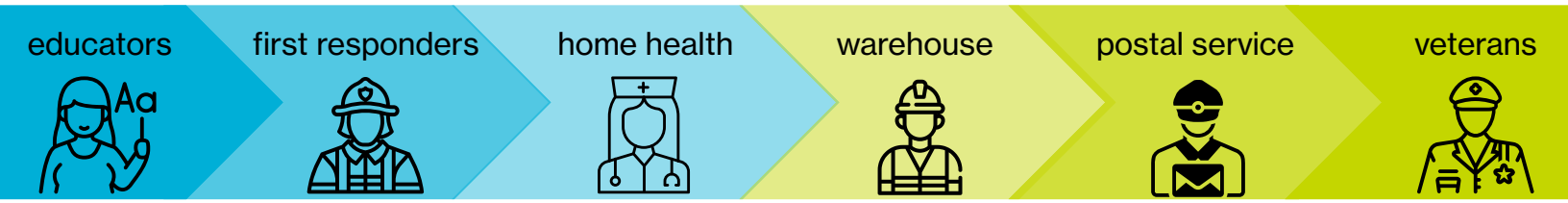


who we serve

We believe no family should have to spend more than 30% of their income on housing. As the affordability gap grows, homeownership gets further out of reach for many households that help our communities thrive.

Our program helps families step into homeownership now, offering affordable mortgages with 0% interest rates – so dreams don't have to wait.

It is a common misconception that Habitat gives away homes for free. But the truth is our Habitat homebuyers are not strangers – they are the essential workers, caregivers, and neighbors who we rely on every day.



our impact

Habitat provides the access, education, house construction, and mortgage for low-to-moderate income first-time buyers to purchase a home without being cost burdened. Since 1987, Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity has provided more than 900 households the opportunity to purchase and own their first home. We have helped more than 370 local households preserve their home through repairs and provided more than 700 housing solutions in Central America and Kenya.

900+
local homes

370+
local repairs

700+
international housing solutions

230+
paid off mortgages

What is Greater Indy Habitat Young Professionals (GIHYP)?

Established in 2019, Greater Indy Habitat Young Professionals (GIHYP) is a community of emerging leaders who come together to build homes, make connections, and support affordable housing in Greater Indianapolis.

How does GIHYP support Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity?

The Young Professionals group supports the overall Habitat mission through hands-on volunteering, education and advocacy opportunities, and philanthropic giving. At the core of Habitat's mission is the goal of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope, which the YP group exemplifies.

Who can be a part of the Habitat Young Professionals?

Members of GIHYP are individuals (ages 21-40) who come from all backgrounds and industries, and share a desire to make a difference in the local community through Habitat for Humanity.



What do the Habitat Young Professionals do?

Volunteer

YPs have quarterly build days and participate in other volunteer projects throughout the year to support the local families that Habitat serves.

Network

The group holds monthly social & networking events with opportunities to find your new favorite place in Indy and meet like-minded individuals in the community.

Advocate

YPs participate in educational and advocacy events throughout the year, including Habitat Indiana's annual Lobby Day at the statehouse.

Fundraise

Putts & Pints, GIHYP's signature fundraising event, is hosted annually in June in partnership with breweries and restaurants in the Fountain Square neighborhood. Participants support Habitat as they play their way through putt-putt golf holes at each locaiton.





Why become a GIHYP member?

Greater Indy Habitat Young Professionals welcomes anyone to attend open events and learn more about our group.

Membership is designed for individuals who want to make a deeper commitment to Habitat's mission and play an active role in shaping the future of GIHYP.

Anyone can...	Members also...
Attend open events	Recieve invitations to member-only opportunities & communications
Learn about affordable housing	Access leadership, committee, & professional development opportunities
Meet other young professionals	Build deeper relationships through ongoing involvement & shared experiences
Explore the group before deciding	Make a commitment to Habitat's mission through philanthropy & engagement



Membership is for individuals who want to move beyond attending events and become active contributors to the growth, leadership, and impact of Greater Indy Habitat Young Professionals.

Next Steps

How to Join GIHYP

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Young Professionals, please follow the process outlined below. There are open events that any interested individuals can attend to check out the GIHYP group and get to know us before committing to joining.

Step 1:
Fill out an interest form online to express your initial interest.

Step 2:
After completing your interest form, the Habitat Staff Liasion will reach out to you to schedule an introductory phone call to learn more about you and share about GIHYP.

Step 3:
Make your meaningful donation through the Habitat website via the Young Professionals fundraising page and indicate that this donation is going towards your membership.

Step 4:
Once you've completed your donation, you will be emailed the link to register as an official GIHYP member on Volunteer Hub.

What does Membership Mean?

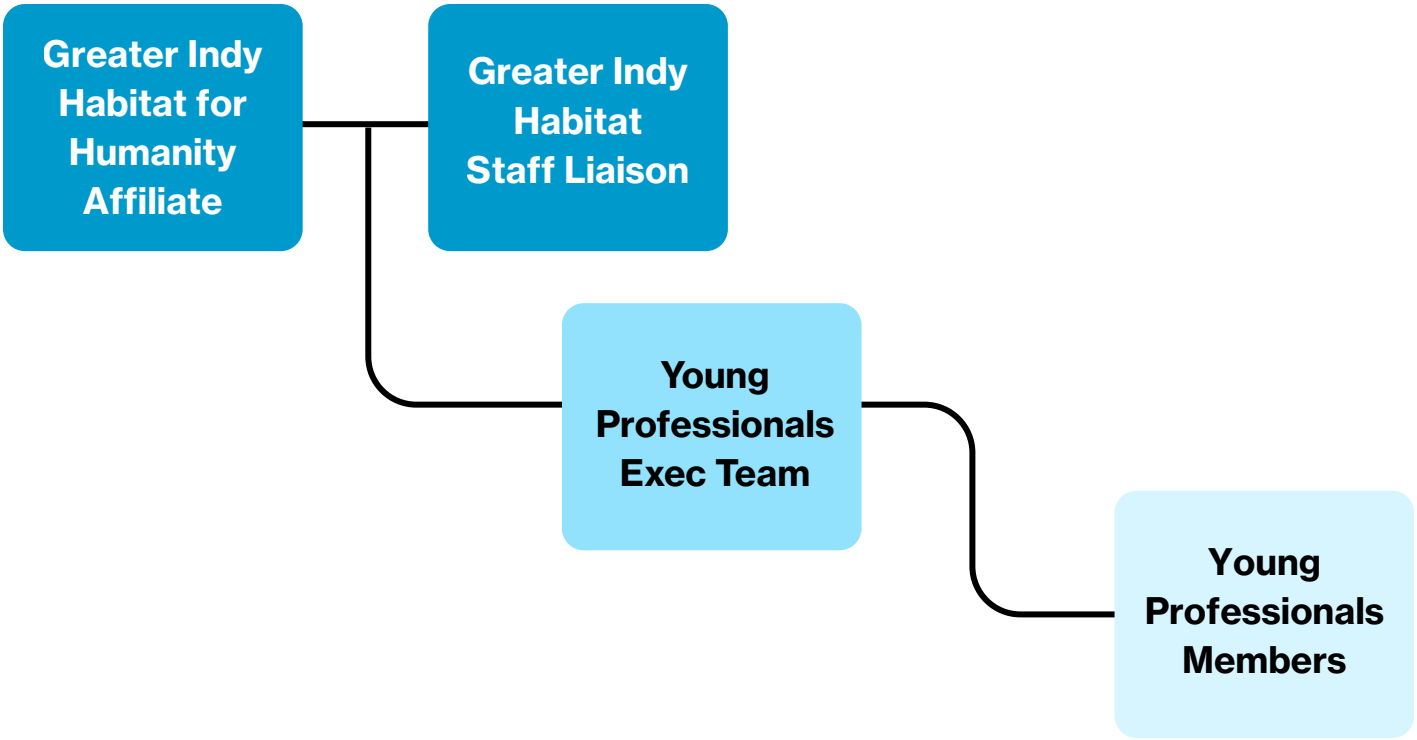
Attend
Attend at least 4 GIHYP events per year (volunteering, education events, networking)

Be Present
Advocate for both the Young Professionals and the Greater Indy Habitat affiliate throughout the community.

Contribute **
Make a meaningful (to you!) financial donation to Greater Indy Habitat

***Many members choose to be monthly recurring donors. By making smaller, scheduled donations each month, you can increase your impact on Habitat and make your own philanthropic giving easier to manage.*

Organizational Structure & Leadership



2026 Executive Team

President	Laura Gustafson
Vice President	Chris Tito
Director of Membership	MaKenzie Emmons
Director of Events & Fundraising	Bridget Noble
Co-Director of Communications & Social Media	Abby Regan
Co-Director of Communications & Social Media	Maya Sears
Director of Advocacy & Education	Xander Goldstein
Director of Outreach & Partnerships	Larissa Fox

For questions regarding the membership process, please reach out!

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Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity®

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

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