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University of South Dakota students spend spring break volunteering to help Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO build a home for a low-income family

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) hosts eight students from the University of South Dakota (USD) for a week of volunteering during spring break. Through a student-led organization at the University of South Dakota called the Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning (AWOL) program, students volunteer across the country during school breaks and learn about the issues faced by the communities being served. The USD AWOL student volunteers are working at a Habitat for Humanity build site located at 1128 N. Oak Park, Springfield, MO 65802; Tues. March 7 and Thurs. March 9, 2017.

“Volunteer groups like the University of South Dakota AWOL students are a huge asset to the Habitat for Humanity mission,” said Aaron Norrick, HFHS volunteer coordinator. “We are always looking for volunteers to assist customers and donors in the ReStore and to help us build and repair homes for those in need.”

At its core, HFHS is a volunteer organization. Community members who are able to donate their time, skills, and expertise join the Habitat for Humanity mission to find an end to poverty housing. Whether a volunteer is helping in the ReStore, building or repairing a home, or serving on the board of directors or a committee, we are all working to accomplish the same mission by providing a hand-up, not a hand-out to those in need.

Individual and group volunteers with skill levels ranging from novice to expert are encouraged to register. Volunteers must be 14 years old and willing to work 3-hour minimum shifts Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 417-829-4001 or info@habitatspringfieldmo.org.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri (HFHS) believes every person in the Springfield and surrounding area deserves a decent place to live. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHS impacts more than 130 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 490 homes, providing shelter for more than 998 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain strength, stability and independence through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products and programs. HFHS is a United Way of the Ozarks partner agency. Learn more, including official word marks and images, at habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom or at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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