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RV Care-A-Vanners

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Tony and Mary Campbell administered the RV Care-A-Vanner program from 2009 to 2012. The program flourishes today because of their dedication.



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## What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a path out of poverty, since 1976 Habitat has helped more than 5 million people through home construction, rehabilitation and repairs, and by increasing access to improved shelter through various products and services. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission.

## How does the mission work?

Local Habitat for Humanity affiliates and volunteers join with selected families to improve their housing. There are more than 1,400 affiliates in the U.S. alone who depend on volunteer labor to complete their mission to end poverty housing. Families selected must show a need for decent, affordable housing, have an ability to repay a no-profit mortgage, and put in a specified amount of sweat-equity hours. As the partner family pays down their mortgage, those funds go toward starting the next Habitat project.

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## Who are the RV Care-A-Vanners?

Habitat for Humanity International's RV Care-A-Vanner program offers anyone who travels in a recreational vehicle the opportunity to make a difference by helping build houses with families in need and having fun while doing it. The program welcomes people of all ages and from all walks of life who are ready to pick up a hammer and help change lives.



### I have a recreational vehicle. How can I help?

Every RV Care-A-Vanner building project is a unique and rewarding experience. Care-A-Vanners do all phases of new construction and participate in rehab projects and critical home repairs. There are also opportunities to work in a Habitat ReStore or an affiliate office, or just provide support on the job site. No experience required!

Building projects are generally two weeks long, with six- to seven-hour days, five days a week. A typical day begins with devotions, a safety talk and job assignments. Volunteers bring their own tool belt with a hammer, square and measuring tape, and the affiliate provides everything else, including power tools, ladders, building materials, instruction and supervision.

Team members pay their own expenses and the host affiliate arranges for RV parking, often at a reduced rate. Teams can expect at least a minimum of electrical hookups with access to water and a dump station nearby.

Aside from the opportunity to use existing construction skills and learn new ones, RV Care-A-Vanner teams experience God's love in action firsthand. Lasting friendships develop as the group parks together, builds together, eats together and socializes. In addition, the team often has the opportunity to work alongside local volunteers and the future homeowner — a truly unforgettable experience.



### Other opportunities the program offers

RV Care-A-Vanners are about much more than just building houses. Some have disaster training and provide construction assistance to disaster-affected affiliates, helping them build capacity in construction programs by providing build teams and construction site supervisors. RV Care-A-Vanners also provide construction leadership for affiliates who are hosting college build groups during school breaks.

The RV Care-A-Vanners have a training program for Master Safety Trainers. These Care-A-Vanners are specially trained in the latest OSHA regulations. Our Master Safety Trainers crisscross the country training affiliate construction staff members as "competent persons" making our job sites safer for our volunteers.

### Sign up and make a difference!

The RV Care-A-Vanner Desk is made up of a team of volunteer RV Care-A-Vanners who organize builds based on the hosting affiliate's needs. Dates and details for each build are posted on the program's website: [habitat.org/rv](http://habitat.org/rv).

To join a build team, simply click on the build and follow the online registration instructions. Listings include the type of work to expect and information on camping amenities. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis. Each team is led by experienced volunteers who handle the organization of the team. Prior to the build, team members will receive a welcome package via email from the team leader containing directions, parking arrangements and additional details.

*Let's build together. No experience is required to join!*