

# Ways to Volunteer:

The Restoration Team offers a variety of ways to get involved with our home repair mission. We work on homes six days a week (Monday-Saturday) and can host volunteers both on and off the worksite.

Our service areas are Northeast and West Houston, with the majority of worksites located in the Northeast (Kashmere Gardens, Trinity Gardens, Settegast, and Greater 5th Ward). We will provide all the tools, materials, and know-how needed for a successful volunteer experience. All you need to do is sign up and show up! No experience is necessary, but we will certainly take into account the volunteers' skill when assigning projects.

# Saturdays

- The easiest way to get involved, The Restoration Team hosts volunteers most Saturdays. Traditionally, a congregation or organization will sign up as a group for a specific Saturday. TRT's Volunteer Coordinator will handle all pre-site communications with the organization's contact person to figure out how number of volunteers and skill level to best assign a worksite. A designated worksite will be assigned one week ahead of time. Volunteers will be met by a TRT representative at 9 am on the worksite. All of the necessary tools and materials will be on-site before the volunteers arrive. The day will start off with an introduction to the client, a safety meeting, and a scope of work for the day. The TRT rep will be on site the entire day to answer questions and teach the construction steps. The workday is traditionally scheduled from 9 am 2 pm.
- For individuals not affiliated with a group that has signed up, the Second Saturday of
  each month will be an open volunteer day for anyone interested. Information for TRT's
  Second Saturday Serve Day
  is available on our website and details of the scope of work
  for each event will be provided at the beginning of each month.

## Weekdays

 Weekday volunteering is perfect for retirees, people between jobs, stay at home parents, or corporate service days. We currently have a group of retired folks who serve every week. This group is important to supplement and carry along the progress made by each Saturday crew.

# Mission Weeks

- The Restoration Team has the capacity to host out-of-town teams for a week at a time. Our campus is a converted school that can host overnight lodging for groups. We also have relationships with partner congregations that can host overnight groups as well.



#### Welcome Hosts

Volunteers looking to show hospitality to our out-of-town guests can sign up to provide meals to show our appreciation. This is particularly important for our AmeriCorps teams that serve with us most of the year. These teams of ten young men and women are from a government service program and come with a very limited food budget (roughly \$4 per person per day). They are always thankful for the extra love (and meals) our welcome hosts share.