

Week of Compassion Needs Volunteers to Continue the Work in Dayton in 2022

A tornado outbreak in May 2019 damaged thousands of homes in the greater Dayton, Ohio area. BDM's strong partner, Week of Compassion, is working with the same local partners as BDM did to continue work on the *Tornado Survivors' Pathways to Homeownership Project*, which helps families displaced from tornado-damaged rental housing become first-time homeowners.

Volunteer teams of 4-10 people are needed throughout March 6-May 28, 2022, to finish the interiors of homes that BDM began work on during the Dayton, Ohio Rebuild site.

- Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older
- Mixed age groups must have 1 adult for every 4 volunteers under 18
- A tool trailer will be provided, and a Construction Leader will coordinate the work
- Volunteers must provide their own meals as well as transportation to the job sites
- **Week of Compassion requires that all volunteers who are eligible to receive the vaccine do so before serving.** Additionally, there are other site-specific COVID-19 protocols.

Overnight volunteers:

- Housing is provided, if desired, (\$50/person/week) at United Christian Church (8611 Hoke Rd, Clayton, OH 45315), where teams will have access to a kitchen to prepare meals. Showers will be at the YMCA across the street.
If the individual or District is not able to cover the housing fee, applications for reimbursement from BDM can be submitted to Kim Gingerich (kgingerich@brethren.org)
- A minimum of 3 workdays is required for overnight volunteers.

Local Volunteers

- Open for those who live close and do not need housing if you can serve anytime between March 6-May 28. Be in touch with Caroline Hamilton-Arnold to sign up.

Recognizing the pandemic is ongoing, Week of Compassion is working with their partners to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 for our volunteers and the communities we serve. Volunteers should use caution, heed the guidance of public health officials, and thoroughly review the required COVID-19 protocols for their site (which are subject to change based on the local status of the pandemic).

To sign up, contact:

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