



# REPAIR A HOME RESTORE HOPE

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Will you give hope and encouragement to more families like Travis' by volunteering with World Renew DRS?**

“If World Renew hadn’t come to restore my house, I would have become homeless,” said one homeowner. Super-Storm Sandy had destroyed her New Jersey house three years ago.

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) volunteers bring hope and encouragement to families who have survived disasters throughout the United States and Canada. Families like the homeowner mentioned above as well as Travis, a single dad whose house was also heavily damaged by Super-Storm Sandy in 2012.

Unfortunately, Travis’ circumstances kept him from being able to address the damage for nearly two and a half years, and his waterlogged home grew mold. The house was extremely unsafe,

and he and his children were not allowed to enter, let alone live in their home until it was gutted and rebuilt. However, they did not have the financial means to do the cleaning or repairs.

World Renew DRS’s partner organization in New Jersey, *A Future With Hope*, identified Travis as a Sandy survivor who needed help to rebuild his house. World Renew DRS volunteers set to work on drywalling, mudding, flooring, installing doors, completing wall trim, painting, and more.

Travis and his sons were excited and encouraged by the help they received, and they are now finding ways to pay it forward — helping others in need in any way they are able.

# FAQs Rebuilding Homes with World Renew

## Who will I be helping?

You will be helping those who are vulnerable, elderly, disabled, or low-income. Each homeowner goes through an application process and is assigned their own case worker to make sure they qualify for assistance and that their needs are taken care of.

## INDIVIDUALS/COUPLES

**I would like to volunteer by myself, with my spouse, or with a friend.**

### Where would I volunteer?

You can volunteer at one of the following World Renew DRS managed reconstruction sites:

- Ocean County, New Jersey
- Pensacola, Florida
- Other locations possible

### For how long would I volunteer?

Generally three weeks, but if you have one or two weeks free, we can work with that.

### With whom would I volunteer?

You will work alongside other Christian adults. Some volunteers are new and others will have more experience.

### Do I need reconstruction skills?

Reconstruction experience is needed on each team, but not required by each team member. World Renew DRS puts together each team to ensure a balance of skilled volunteers and helpers. If you enjoy working in the kitchen, consider joining the cook team.

### How much does it cost?

Food and lodging are provided and if you volunteer for a full-length assignment\*, most of your transportation is reimbursed.

### What kind of meals, lodging, and work coordination can I expect?

Fully-furnished volunteer housing, with bedrooms, is provided. Your meals are prepared for you during the work week by a cook team. You will have a World Renew DRS construction supervisor and on-site manager who coordinate work projects and run the site.

### I am interested! What is the first step?

Please fill out a volunteer application at [worldrenew.net/DRSapp](http://worldrenew.net/DRSapp) and email or mail it to our office. Contact us with any questions.

\*Two or three weeks, depending on location and time of year.

## GROUP MISSIONS TRIPS

**Our church/school/family would like to organize a week-long missions trip.**

### When and where can we go?

There are many locations to choose from, and World Renew DRS can schedule just about any size group, with any skill level, at any time of the year. See [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) for current locations.

### How does this differ from a “World Renew DRS-managed reconstruction site” mentioned in the left column?

It differs quite a bit. World Renew DRS partners with organizations across North America to host group missions trips. These local organizations provide both housing and work coordination, which allows us to be very flexible in accommodating group missions trips with people of different ages and skill sets, a variety of group sizes, and most date preferences.

### What are the accommodations like?

Accommodations vary between locations. You may have air mattresses on a gym floor and a kitchen to prepare your own meals, or beds and meals may be provided. Your preferences can be taken into account when planning.

### How much does it cost?

Your group is responsible for the costs associated with your trip. See Group Missions Trips at [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) for costs at each location, generally ranging from nothing to \$25 per person per night. Fundraising for your trip is a great way to get your entire congregation involved.

### Is there an age limit?

We recommend high school age and up. Some locations may make accommodations for younger children as long as a parent or guardian accompanies them at all times.

### We are interested! What is the first step?

See Group Missions Trips at [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs) to get started, or contact our office. No application is required at this time.

**Learn more at [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs).**

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