



# REBUILD A HOME IN 2015

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to help disaster survivors like Sienna? See the back of this flyer for answers to your questions and find out how to get started! Is 2015 the year that you help a disaster survivor who has lost their home: someone who is without insurance, poor, elderly, or has low income? These are the people that World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) assists — with your help. Whether you are skilled in construction or simply have a heart to serve, we have a place for you.

When you volunteer with World Renew DRS in North America, you'll be surrounded with Christ-centered fellowship and other servant-hearted volunteers. Each day you will eat and work alongside each other, spending your evenings in worship and reflecting on the day. You will also have the chance to build

meaningful relationships with local residents on whose homes you will be working.

You will help people like Sienna, a single mother in Florida who has four young kids. A tree fell on their home during a storm and damaged the roof. The rain water poured in, the water damage caused mold, and her kids are sick from the mold spores. Sienna needs her roof repaired and the house gutted to remove the mold. She is looking for a job and applying for disability. She lives on less than \$10,000 a year, has more than \$33,000 in repairs to do, and does not know what to do next. Many people in Sienna's neighborhood have no flood insurance because the area is not prone to flooding.



#### 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
- High River, Alberta
- Pensacola, Florida

#### For how long would I volunteer?

Generally three weeks, but if you have one or two weeks free, we can certainly 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 helpful and needed, but not required. Each team is put together by World Renew DRS so that there is 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 the full three-week assignment, most of your travel is reimbursed.

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

Fully furnished volunteer housing is provided with bedrooms. Your meals are prepared for you during the work week by the cook team. You will have a World Renew DRS construction supervisor and on-site manager who coordinate work projects and run the site. If you have a food allergy or special diet, please let us know in advance.

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

Please fill out a volunteer application at worldrenew.net/drs and email or mail it to our office. Call or email us with any questions.

#### **GROUP MISSION TRIPS**

#### Our church/school/family would like to organize a week-long mission trip.

#### When and where can we go?

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

#### How does this differ from a "World Renew DRS-managed reconstruction site" mentioned in the first column?

It differs quite a bit. World Renew DRS partners with organizations across North America to host group mission trips. These local organizations provide both housing and work coordination, which allows us to be very flexible in accommodating group mission trips with people of different ages and skill sets, varying sized groups and 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. We can take your preference into account when planning.

#### How much does it cost?

Your group is responsible for food and travel costs as well as a small donation if requested by the local organization providing housing and work. 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 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?

Call or email us to about options or submit the Getting Started form under Volunteer Opportunities at worldrenew.net/drs. No application is required at this time.

## Learn more at worldrenew.net/drs.

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