



## Habitat Announces its 5th Annual Trip(s) to Quetzaltenango (Xela) Guatemala

February - March, 2018

Next winter Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley (HFHHV) will return to the Cantel area outside of Xela (pronounced shay-la) where we have worked on seven houses over the last four years. HFHHV has made a multi-year commitment to Habitat Guatemala and has decided to focus its efforts and resources in the Xela region of Guatemala. This year we will be sending teams on three trips:

February 17- February 25 (Led by Rob Nissly)

February 24 – March 4 (Led by Sarah Teare)

March 3 – March 11 (Led by Crystal Cabose)

Xela is in the highlands of Guatemala about five hours northwest of Guatemala City.

**Did you know?** For every home that HFHHV renovates in Washtenaw County, we sponsor one in Guatemala or Haiti? In 2017 we also sponsored the building of 100 healthy home kits for Guatemalan families! Our affiliate has partnered with Habitat Guatemala since 2008.

### Planned Itinerary:

Day 1: (Saturday) Greeted at the airport by Habitat Guatemala staff and then transported by shuttle to Antigua, the first overnight



Day 2: Travel to Xela, orientation with Habitat Guatemala staff; welcome ceremony with local affiliate and partner families; dinner

Days 3-7: Breakfast served at hotel; travel to work site; work from 8am - 4pm with on-site lunch; return to hotel; clean-up; free time; dinner at hotel or local restaurant

Day 7: Closing ceremony with families/masons/Habitat staff. Travel to Lake Atitlan area.

Day 8: Day to explore Antigua and surrounding areas or work with local families on healthy home kits – including smokeless stoves, latrines and water purification

Day 9: (Sunday) - Departure day

**Minimum donation raised - \$1,600**

Includes all in country costs except for adult beverages, souvenirs and side trips (it does not include airfare & inbound flights must be coordinated with HFHHV)

Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program and Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley will work to ensure that your trip is well planned, safe and constructive (and rewarding!). Each volunteer's donations are used in the following ways:

- Helps to further Habitat's homebuilding work by supporting local construction.
- Covers logistics, including accommodations, meals, local transportation and some local cultural activities.
- Covers on-the-ground trip coordination by a trip leader and the Habitat host program. Expenses may include on-the-ground staff costs, translators, orientation materials, and first aid supplies.



Includes a travel medical insurance policy and assistance in case of crisis for trips outside the United States.



## Fundraising

HFHHV will help participants raise funds and awareness about their upcoming trip. Creating a compelling story around the work to be accomplished, HFHHV's commitment to Guatemala, and an increased awareness of the need for adequate shelter will provide the backdrop for the appeal.

## Team & Work Tasks

We will be groups of 10-15 enthusiastic and open-minded individuals working together to make a difference. No construction experience is needed (a list and description of typical work tasks will be provided), only a willingness to join in this team effort. We will be working at about 8,000 feet - providing cooler nights and comfortable days. Come join us as we work to provide adequate housing in Guatemala, make new friends, and experience the charm and beauty of Guatemala and its people.

