



About the program

Habitat for Humanity is entirely funded through donations and fundraising. One of the most prominent sources of revenue for Santa Cruz's chapter of Habitat is the Re-Store on Swift Street. Habitat's Re-Store is divided into two sections, a donation center and a storefront. Donations of home furnishings and building materials are received in a warehouse where they are logged, sorted, and prepared for sale by volunteers. These items will then be displayed for sale in the storefront section of the Re-Store and revenue is used to fund the purchase of building materials for the construction of Habitat for Humanity homes in Santa Cruz County.



How interns fit in

Interns assist in the operation of both the donations warehouse and storefront of the Re-Store. Work in the warehouse is typically physically demanding, requiring the sorting and moving furniture and other heavy items. There are also opportunities to help with administrative work such as the logging of donations and volunteer hours. Students assisting with the storefront take a customer service role, greeting customers as they come in and helping them browse the inventory for specific items. Students may also assist in the restoration and staging of donations as well as salvaging and recycling unsellable items.

Quotes

"I would say the vast majority of [students] will somewhere down the line will go <<I'm going to volunteer with Habitat again!>> because it's such a rewarding experience for them"