March Featured Organization of the Month: Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity

1. Who does Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity serve and what benefits does it provide to people?

Working with our many partners, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity builds homes, hope, and community in Hampshire and Franklin Counties and is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical organization dedicated to assuring decent, affordable homes for people the world over.

Since 1989, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity has built simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with hard-working and low wage earning families in Hampshire and Franklin counties. We build our homes with volunteer labor and donations of material, supplies, land, and services. Each home is sold with a no-interest mortgage to a low-income family, and each family is an active Habitat partner, contributing many hours of “sweat equity” to the construction of their own home. Habitat has a perpetual legacy – all mortgage funds received are re-invested to build more homes.

Please join us in helping to bring stability to families, helping them achieve the dream of homeownership, and building stable and healthy communities in Western Massachusetts.

2. Do you collaborate with other organizations on a local, regional, and national level? If so, how?

We are affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International and work with many local organizations.

3. How is your organization funded?

Through donations, grants and other in-kind community support.

4. What are some volunteer opportunities (both short-term and long-term) available to Isenberg students?

* Work on a business plan for a ReStore
* Help with Construction
* Join a committee

5. If candidates are interested in volunteering, who should they contact?

Please sign-up online for a new volunteer orientation: http://www.volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.Asp?o=40 or contact the office at volunteer@pvhabitat.org or call 413-586-5430.