

House on the Corner FAQ's

- **What is HOTC?** We build a home for an economically challenged family on our church parking lot and move it to a permanent location in the Douglass community in East Plano.
- **How is the family selected?** A rigorous process and criteria has been developed to make the most appropriate choice of the deserving family. Applications are reviewed, families are interviewed and the Holy Spirit guides us in the ultimate selection.
- **What role does the selected family play?** One or more family members will work on the home most weekends. This gives the family and the volunteers an opportunity to get to know one another. It also benefits the family – enabling them to learn necessary skills to take care of their new home.
- **Is the family given the home free and clear?** No. After moving in, the family holds a mortgage and makes affordable monthly payments.
- **How is the construction organized?** Originally under the direction of two custom home builders, however, we now rely on a professional construction foreman and other experienced work leaders to manage the construction process.
- **Do I have to have experience building a house to participate?** No! We will provide you with on-the-job training.
- **What if I want to participate, but don't really want to hammer nails, paint, tile etc.?** You can make cookies, serve lunch, or pray for the family to support HOTC. You can also participate in volunteer management, selecting the family and other organizational aspects of the program. Contact hotc@cumc.com if you want to discuss other ways you would like to help other than construction.
- **What do I need to bring if I'm working on the house?** Yourself, a good attitude and a sense of humor. A sturdy pair of shoes, a hat, sunscreen and work gloves wouldn't hurt, either.
- **Is child care available?** Yes, child care is available while construction is done on the church property. It must be reserved when you sign up for your shift.
- **When does work on the house begin?** Volunteers can begin working on the house in early May of each year. The shift starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. Coffee and pastries are available in the morning with lunch, beverages and snacks provided throughout the work day.

- **When will the house be completed?** Work on the house will be on site through August, then the house will be moved from the church parking lot to its final location. Work will continue on the house through October.
- **When does the family receive the keys to the House?** There will be a dedication service on a Sunday in September or October, during which the family will receive the keys to their home.
- **If I want to help, but don't have a lot of time, can I make a financial contribution to the project?** Yes! If you would like to write a check to help cover expenses incurred in building the house, please write the check to CUMC, identifying House on the Corner in the memo line.
- **What if I know someone in a company who can donate building materials?** Please contact us at hotc@cumc.com.
- **Where does the money come from to build the House? Does it all come from CUMC members?** It comes from generous donations from people in the church and community. We have also received a grant from the city of Plano for the last several years as well as the sale of the home to the selected family.
- **Can children work on the house?** Ages 16 and older may work support or construction. Ages 12 – 15 may work support with a parent working on site. Ages 7 – 11 may support only if their parent is working support with them. Ages six and under should be in the free child care provided. For more information, or to get involved, call 972.596.4303, ext. 288, or e-mail hotc@cumc.com.