Registration Information

- To reserve a spot please fill out one of the registration forms on our official website: www.jhu.edu/habitat and submit it to: JHUhabitat@gmail.com

- The program requires a donation of $300 with additional contributions greatly welcomed. This fee goes directly to Sandtown Habitat for Humanity through the JHU chapter with the additional cost of moving in early, bus transportation, breakfast, lunch and at least two dinners already included in the program.

- Checks can be made out to Johns Hopkins University and are due by July 28th, 2008

- The formal mailing address is:

  JHU Habitat Pre-O
  Center for Social Concern
  3400 North Charles St.
  Levering 200
  Baltimore, MD 21218

Since this letter is going out to the entire freshman class, the spots will fill up quickly so please don’t hesitate to sign up!

“If I had to choose a moment that defined my life here at Hopkins it would have to be Habitat Pre-O.”
—Natalie Baer, Senior
ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is presently an international organization that has built and rehabilitated more than 200,000 homes since its founding in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller. It has touched more than 3,000 communities worldwide and sheltered more than 1,000,000 people, all through volunteer work and monetary as well as material donations. Contrary to popular belief, however, Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to reduced down payments and monthly mortgage payments, homeowner families must invest hundreds of hours of labor, or “sweat equity,” to build their own as well as other Habitat houses. Thus, it is common for volunteers and homeowners to have the privilege of working side by side.

For more information please visit the official website: www.habitat.org.

JHU AND SANDTOWN

The Hopkins chapter sponsors a house every year in the Sandtown-Winchester area of Baltimore. Sandtown is approximately fifteen minutes away from campus, yet is also one of the poorest, most underserved neighborhoods in the nation. Every Saturday during the academic year we send a group of students to work on our sponsored house. Each year, JHU Habitat raises the $30,000 sponsorship fee required to cover construction costs through various fundraisers. We are proud to announce that we recently completed our 9th house and are currently working on our 10th during this summer 2008 into the upcoming academic year. Over Spring Break and Intersession, JHU Habitat also runs trips to places like Florida, Hawaii, and Costa Rica in order to broaden our impact to affiliates outside of the Maryland area.

PRE-ORIENTATION 2008/09 PROGRAM

JHU Habitat for Humanity would like to invite all incoming freshmen to come and work on our sponsored house in Baltimore for our annual Pre-Orientation Program. This year, the program has 20 available openings and will run from Tuesday, August 26th - where our participants will be given the day to move into their dorms early - until Friday, August 29th. You do not need ANY construction experience to participate, just tennis shoes or boots and clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. Someone will always be available to teach whatever you need to know and you only need to participate in what you feel comfortable doing.

Why should you come? You get to work for a great cause for a couple days. You get to move in earlier than other students so you can get to know the campus and area before school begins. You’ll also get to know some of your classmates through working alongside them. The students involved in Pre-O commonly remain good friends throughout the rest of the year.

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

For more information about JHU Habitat for Humanity Pre-Orientation including a schedule for the program please visit our website: www.jhu.edu/habitat
To get in contact with someone directly, e-mail questions to JHUHabitat@gmail.com with the subject “Pre-O”.

Questions may also be directed to:
Pre-O Coordinator:
Johanna Sheu (248) 376-3206

Pre-O Campus Sponsor:
The Center for Social Concern (410) 516-4777