



## Theology of The Hammer

Through our membership in the [Cobb Catholic Coalition](#) (see story) and partnership with the Northwest Metro Atlanta affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, we strive to do more than just talk about faith and make declarations of compassion by putting our faith into action as mandated by our entire Judeo-Christian tradition and theology.

*“Within the context of Habitat for Humanity, the theology of the hammer dictates that the nail be hit on the head – literally (and figuratively), and repeatedly – until the house is built and homeownership becomes a reality for the family. It also means that continuing love and concern are shown to the family to ensure that they become successful homeowners.”*

In the 31+ years since its founding, NW Metro Atlanta Habitat for Humanity affiliate has helped to accomplish this goal by building more than 480 homes in its service area — Cobb, Douglas, and Paulding counties. As of Year, end 2017, our coalition has participated as sponsors of 41 new homes and we (the St Clare Catholic Mission of Acworth) have helped build 6 homes in the past 3 years. You can read the story and see the progress of the homes we built in Marietta during fall 2017 for the Robinson and Osei Families at [\(insert link URL here\)](#).



9 Weeks From This



To This

Our plans for 2018 currently include sponsoring one full home and partnering with other sponsors to complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> one. As we have in the past we will build our homes in the fall starting after Labor Day.

The currently planned start dates are September 8 and September 15. As our plans unfold, you may keep track of our progress by frequently visiting these pages.

If you feel called to volunteer for this worthwhile effort to eliminate substandard housing and work alongside families that have been selected to own the home(s) we will build this year, there are several ways you may choose to participate. First and foremost, you can volunteer to work on a build. You do not need any specific skills or experience to come out to work on a house. We have trained and experienced crew leaders who will guide your efforts. Habitat supplies all the needed tools and safety equipment. You might want to bring your own gloves. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes to the home site.

Register as a volunteer with our St Clare of Assisi Ministry by emailing your contact information e-mail & phone number to Richard Angeli at [tuney2010@gmail.com](mailto:tuney2010@gmail.com). I will add you to our email list, and keep you updated with our needs, schedules, and registration information for our builds as they become available. Even if you have worked with us on previous builds, you will need to reactivate your registration, sign the responsibility waiver, and register online for your preferred work days.

If you would like to volunteer with Habitat on other builds you can check out available opportunities on the web site at <https://nwmetroatlantahabitat.org/get-involved/upcoming-volunteer-opportunities/>. Volunteer opportunities are posted on Friday mornings 9 days before the event dates. The first build date for 2018 is currently Saturday February 24, 2018.

Financial support for the Cobb Catholic Coalition home sponsorships comes from each of the parishes, through other fund-raising efforts by the Coalition and by partnering with other sponsoring organizations when practical.

Also, each member parish, volunteers to supply meals, snacks, water & other beverages for one or more of the 9 workdays during the building process.

Yet another way you may contribute and support our Habitat ministry is to support the Habitat for Humanity ReStore by shopping, donating, or volunteering at their store in Smyrna. Learn more by checking out <https://nwmetroatlantahabitat.org/get-involved/smyrna-restore/>. The store is located at the corner of South Cobb Drive and Concord Road.