



Cassandra Tower

#MeetOurVolunteers

We are delighted to introduce Cassandra, who has been a dedicated Merrimack Valley Habitat volunteer since 2014.

Cassandra, who is originally from Wilmington, currently resides in Medford where she has worked as a project manager for a commercial real estate company, for the last ten years. Cassandra didn't always work in real estate though, and started out her career as a kindergarten and preschool teacher.

Cassandra worked with other Habitat affiliates in the past, before becoming a build site volunteer and volunteer committee member with us in 2014. During 2015 she was kind enough to help families moving into our Margin and Franklin Street, as one of our family partners, and eventually became a member of our family selection committee, in November of 2015.

Cassandra says she volunteers with us because she "simply loves the families". She enjoys working alongside them on build sites, doing home visits, or helping them through the process as a family partner. In her words, "they are a constant reminder of what everyone's hard work is for". They also help keep her grounded and give her new perspective. She recalls recently being a family partner to a family whose residence was just awful! It was condemned just days before their Habitat build was complete. They had literally nothing but a small overnight bag each. She remembers fondly how the day before they received the keys to their own home, the family could not stop telling her how blessed they were. Even though they were at that very moment homeless, they knew that the next day they would be moving into their own clean and safe home.

When Cassandra isn't building affordable housing with us, or helping future Habitat homeowners navigate their way towards homeownership, she enjoys kayaking or playing volleyball. She also has a close relationship with a rural school for vulnerable youth in Rwanda called Agahozo Shalom Youth Village, for whom she advocates.

We are so thankful to have caring and dedicated volunteers like Cassandra to help us put families in homes. Our work takes a village and is only possible thanks to the commitment from volunteers like Cassandra!

to strengthen a community...
...start with one family!