

Blitz Home Builders Media Guide - 2012

- A Blitz Build is an accelerated Habitat for Humanity build event that takes place over 8 days instead of a typical multi-month construction schedule.
- This Blitz Build event is a partnership between Blitz Home Builders and Habitat for Humanity, West Hawaii.
- **About this 2012 Blitz Build event:**
 - Construction begins on Thursday Sept 13 and concludes on Friday Sept 21.
 - 8 construction days (Sunday is a day off).
 - By the end of Friday Sept 21, all houses will be finished and ready for move in.
 - A dedication ceremony will take place the morning of Saturday Sept 22.
- **About the Blitz Home Builders:**
 - Who We Are
 - Blitz Home Builders (abbreviated “BHB”) is a group of volunteers who provide accelerated build planning experience, leadership and labor to a partner Habitat for Humanity affiliate each year to complete an accelerated build event called a “Blitz Build”.
 - There are nearly 500 volunteers in Blitz Home Builders, 60 – 100 of whom participate in the annual build.
 - Blitz Home Builders is led by a Planning Committee consisting of about 20 experienced volunteers.
 - The Blitz Home Builders are volunteers who work in many different occupations and are of ages 16 to 77 years old. Many of them also volunteer throughout the year at their local Habitat for Humanity affiliates.
 - The Blitz Home Builders are volunteers who come from all areas of the US and Canada. This year they come from AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, WI, Ontario CA. They typically travel over 40,000 miles collectively for a build.
 - The Blitz Home Builders are all volunteers who donate their time, transportation, lodging and meal cost each year. The financial value of these donations is roughly \$140,000 each year for the group, most of which is realized directly by the local community’s economy.
 - What We Do
 - Each year Blitz Home Builders selects a Habitat for Humanity affiliate to partner with on a Blitz Build.
 - During these annual Blitz Builds, Blitz Home Builders works with the affiliate and local volunteers to build 2-5 homes on an 8 day work schedule.
 - How Did We Start
 - This group of volunteers has been participating in blitz builds together since 1998, and in 2004 formed the volunteer group Blitz Home Builders in order to continue the “family reunion” atmosphere they fostered. Since 1998, the volunteers now known as **Blitz Home Builders have built 44 homes for 44 families in 12 communities across the U.S.:** Minneapolis, MN - ‘98, Glendale, AZ - ‘99, Albuquerque, NM - ‘00, Snoqualmie, WA - ‘01, Richmond, VA - ‘02, South Bend, IN - ‘03, Madison, WI - ‘04, Covington, LA - ‘05, Wichita, KS - ‘06, Portland, OR - ‘07, Covington, LA - ‘08, Rockford, IL - ‘09, Wichita, KS - ‘10, Sioux Falls, SD - ‘11.
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 - Anyone is welcome to join the Blitz Home Builders, no prior experience is needed.
 - Blitz Home Builders logo artwork can be downloaded at <http://www.BlitzHomeBuilders.org/public/logos/>



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