

Mission Partner FAQ'S

Why become a Mission Partner with Fuller Center Student Builders?

The Student Builders network empowers students to take meaningful leadership roles in their church or school and in their community. Mission Partners are able to go beyond serving as volunteers to instead become true partners in our mission. We seek partners who share our vision of a world where all God's children can have a simple, decent place to live, and becoming a Mission Partner enables your group to take ownership of the vision.

The relationship is a win-win! The students will bond together as they experience working together in love for a common good, and your organization will have an established mission partnership to complement your other activities. It is an opportunity to impact the wider community in a meaningful, lasting way that will reflect very positively on your organization, and it enables you to show your care and concern for the wider world. In turn, The Fuller Center and our homeowner families benefit from all the enthusiasm, resources, and awareness that students provide or generate.

What kinds of things do these groups do? Anything besides building on worksites?

There are SO MANY WAYS you can help. We are about much more than only construction. A person's skills and talents may be best used creating a newsletter or flyer, organizing an awareness event, coordinating volunteers, taking charge of fundraisers, organizing an overseas trip through our work camp program, planning a worksite devotion or Bible study around the theme of poverty housing, or whatever else you and the leadership team can devise. Whatever you choose, know that you are providing leadership for some of our greatest needs.

What if there is not a Fuller Center Covenant Partner project in our area?

That's not a problem. There are many ways to be involved, and that is simply the first option. Here are the best ways we know to be involved:

- A. Partner with a local Fuller Center Covenant Partner.
- B. Adopt an overseas Fuller Center Covenant Partner, such as El Salvador, and work to sponsor a house there, perhaps including a build trip over break as part of our work camp program.
- C. Adopt a domestic Fuller Center Covenant Partner, such as the one in The Chattahoochee Valley in Georgia and Alabama, which is attempting the incredible task of completely eliminating poverty housing in that area by impacting 500 homes in 10 years. You can support through fundraising and one or more work camp service trips over school breaks.
- D. Partner with a different community organization, such as Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, or a unique local community housing organization in your area.
- E. Plan your own project, such as repairing/rehabilitating a home for someone in your community.

Our Covenant Partners are forming all across the country, and perhaps one will be near you soon. Your partnership may even be the spark that gets one going – you have that kind of power!

What should I expect when we get this partnership started?

As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), and so know that you will not only be a blessing to others, but that you will likely find that this work is a blessing to you! We will be in touch to determine the best way to work together, and you can begin promoting yourselves as "A Mission Partner in The Fuller Center Student Builders network."