Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (HFHC) was founded in 1982 to expand access to affordable housing and revitalize communities across Central Maryland. Over the past 37 years, HFHC has built 760+ homes, providing safety and security to 2,700+ children and family members.

about the build
Volunteers will help construct 2 - 4 room homes and/or work on home improvements such as installing latrines or stoves in Guatemala. Tasks vary depending on the stage of home construction, but may include: digging foundations, mixing concrete and mortar, pouring concrete, tying rebar, splitting concrete blocks, or moving blocks and material.

what to expect
Global Village Build teams will arrive at La Aurora International Airport (GUA) where they will be greeted by Habitat for Humanity staff and driven to Antigua (approximately 1 hour). Teams will travel to the host affiliate, Habitat Guatemala for orientation, where they will receive an overview of project details and cultural norms. Weekdays are spent on the build site, with evenings free to explore local sights. Wednesday evening and Saturday will be dedicated to cultural activities, which may include visiting Mayan ruins, touring a coffee cooperative, participating in historical walking tours, attending a cooking class or hiking a volcano and sampling lava-roasted marshmallows! Teams depart on Sunday.

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about guatemala
Guatemala experienced the fastest rate of population growth in the entire Western Hemisphere in the 20th Century and by 2018 was home to more than 17 million people, with the largest economy in Central America. Unfortunately, the country also faces many social problems, including severe income inequality. More than half of Guatemalans live in poverty. Furthermore, it has among the highest infant mortality rates, lowest life expectancies and lowest literacy rates of Latin American countries. All of these issues are affected in part by the lack of safe, decent, affordable housing. An estimated 1.8 million more units are needed to meet the need, along with upgrades to existing homes with smokeless stoves, latrines, gardens and more, to improve health, hygiene and quality of life.

about habitat for humanity guatemala
Habitat for Humanity Guatemala was founded in 1979 and is the oldest and largest international Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Each year, the organization hosts more than 1,000 volunteers and serves more than 4,000 families. Beyond building houses, Habitat Guatemala provides home financing, home improvements, disaster relief and Healthy Home Kits including smokeless stoves, filters and latrines to improve families’ health and quality of life.

Since its founding, Habitat for Humanity Guatemala has completed more than 100,000 housing solutions. Of this, 75% were undertaken in the last decade. The organization has set an ambitious goal to serve 1 million families by 2023.

For more information on Habitat Guatemala’s programs and impact visit: www.habitatguate.org