

The Sidewalk Repair Program Returns!

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Do you have broken sidewalk in need of repair, or minor home improvement projects like painting, siding, dry rot repair and the like? The Youth Learn and Construct program may be able to help!

In 2013, Independence formed a creative partnership to train local youth in construction while repairing sidewalks and doing minor home improvement projects for low-income homeowners. The program was such a success that it is returning in 2014!

The program partners with qualified, low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. YLC ensures that families live in safe, well maintained homes and is designed to revitalize the appearance of neighborhoods, encourage connections within the community, and help preserve affordable housing stock.

Projects May Include

- Window repair (screen, glass, glazing)
- Exterior scrape, caulk, and paint
- Minor siding and trim repair
- Landscaping (pruning, weeding, reseeding)
- Cleanup, brush removal, junk removal
- Board replacement in porches, stairs, or ramps
- Other necessary exterior home repairs

How to Qualify

- Own and reside in a home in need of repairs (no rentals)
- Have, or purchase and maintain, homeowner's insurance
- Reside within Polk County
- Agree to partner with Habitat in all aspects of the project
- Fall between 20%-60% of the combined median house hold income for Marion and Polk Counties

How we do it

- We select partner families based on income, need and willingness to partner.
- We work with volunteer labor.

To learn more or see if you qualify for the program please contact Michelle Lehr 503.364.6642 Ext. 114 or michelle

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Additional Information on the Program

- Partnership includes: United Way, Job Growers Incorporated, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley, SEDCOR, City of Independence, HALO, T3, ELY, YOOP
- United Way funded this program with \$50,000.
- Throughout 2014 there will be four three month cohorts that will each have 9 available slots.
- Each youth will receive 224 hours of technical skills training by working on Habitat for Humanity projects.
- Upon satisfactory demonstration of basic skills youth will earn a certificate recognized and issued by the SEDCOR Construction Alliance.
- The youth earn program incentives that include: t-shirt, tool belt, hammer, tape measure, speed square, cat's paw, and utility knife.
- Each youth will participate in financial literacy training, completion of high school education (if needed), a service learning project, and industry tours.
- Youth are aged 16-21.
- This program is a continuation of the H2° Service Learning Pilot Project (January 2013). Of the youth who completed this program 72% have found employment.
- This program is part of a larger initiative by Job Growers Incorporated to increase work experience opportunities and internships that are available to young adults in the community. Organizations and businesses that want to know more about the program model or how they can support work experience opportunities should contact Job Growers Incorporated.

Supporting Documents

 [Program Flier](#)

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