

# Learn By Giving: Non-Profit Information for Future Senior Projects

## Abstract

This report details the processes, deliverables, and partnerships between various non-profit construction organizations to provide students with accessible information about non-profit construction companies for future senior projects. The information and deliverables of this senior project also to be found in the portal for the construction management preliminary senior project class (CM 460). One of the main goals of this senior project is to encourage students to sharpen construction skills while helping communities in need. This project consists of interviewing local, national, and international non-profit companies to compile information so students have an understanding of the different opportunities they have. The first deliverable that will be presented to future students is the PowerPoint presentation. The goal of this deliverable is to give students an initial understanding of applicable non-profit organizations and clubs they can contact who would provide engaging learning experiences for future senior projects. Next, students will hopefully be interested enough in one or two non-profit organizations that they would access the Non-Profit Company Information/Resource list to gain a deeper understanding of the project they would be leading, the costs associated, logistical challenges, and location of construction. These two deliverables will make the web research of less overwhelming for students.

## Outcomes

The information and Resource List are a running document of non-profit companies that have applicable opportunities for students to pursue a successful project-based senior project. The PowerPoint Presentation deliverable of this project is an extension of the information and resource list. The main objective of this deliverable is to give students a surface-level view of the internationally, nationally, and locally opportunities for a senior project.



New home construction on a Amor Ministries project site    Habitat for Humanity volunteer framing    Finished Journeyman Int. schoolhouse

## Methodology

A large portion of this project was finding applicable non-profits and programs which would allow future students to work towards successful senior projects. Another consideration with non-profits that would be included in the final document and presentation is that the logistics, schedule, and cost can all be coordinated effectively based on average college students' available resources

## Findings

Over the duration of the project, I learned about how much work there is in the non-profit section of the construction industry. Often when I would interview representatives from the various non-profit companies, it would turn into a conversation about the current state of non-profit construction. Most of the companies stated that the hardest part of work is finding skilled volunteers that are willing and able to lead projects.



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**Habitat for Humanity – San Luis Obispo**  
**Mission Statement:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County brings people together to Build Homes, Communities, and Hope.

**Overview:** Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County (HFHSLOCO) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), a non-profit, housing ministry founded on Christian principles. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness for the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. The focus of Habitats missions is to not simply construct houses but create the development and empowerment of people and communities. Using volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of future homeowners. Habitat Humanity operates based on four principles bringing people together, building homes, communities, and hope. HFHSLOCO became an official affiliate with Habitat for Humanity International in 1997. In 1998, HFHI acquired their first property, in Paso Robles. To date, Habitat for Humanity for San Luis Obispo County has built 17 homes one in Cambria, four in Atascadero, three in Paso Robles, four in Grover beach, and five in San Luis Obispo

**Opportunities:** Students have the options of working on a new home or home preservation project with HFHSLOCO. New home construction entails an in-depth experience of residential construction in partnership with a HFHSLOCO representative to ensure that the home is built on budget and on time. Home preservation projects will entail quick construction projects such as fences, roofs, and etc. Students will be able to gain applicable construction experience and fine tune skills as they manage projects with HFHSLOCO representatives, while making positive change in surrounding communities.

**Funding:** No personal funding will be needed. All fundraising and costs will be conducted with a HFHSLOCO representative. Costs will be dependent on the type of construction that is being conducted.

**Schedule:** Allowing as much time as possible is important with HFH this is due to most construction with HFHSLOCO requiring permits with the city. Allowing at least a year is a good rule of thumb for smaller projects. New home construction will most likely not be able to be completed during students' time.

**Logistics:** Logistics and plans are based on project type and location. This is to be worked out with HFHSLOCO.

**Additional Resources:** Application process is described and completed on the HFHSLOCO website.

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Example of Non-Profit Information on the resource list

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GLOBAL VILLAGE



- Locations:** North America, Latin America, Asia/Pacific, Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Middle East.
- Type of Construction:** Community development, home improvement, Disaster recovery, green building, and more (refer to non-profit document).
- Cost:** Trip costs will be raised by students.
- Schedule:** 6 months to a year.
- Type of Program:** Leadership and partnership based.
- Contact Information:** [gv@habitat.org](mailto:gv@habitat.org)
- Website URL:** <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village>



Example of non-profit section on presentation