

Habitat for Humanity

Allow me to introduce myself. I am William Graham, most people call me "Bill." I am the Project Leader for Master Gardener participation with Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County (HFHWC). Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County is a very active organization which builds an average of thirteen new homes each year in Williamson County and surrounding areas. You might ask how does this fit with the Master Gardener Association? The answer is that each new home is required to be landscaped. Here is where we come in. Our commitment is to install plant materials, sod and mulch. A schedule of projected dates for landscape installation will be published and posted on the Master Gardener Web Site.

The Master Gardener Association believes so strongly in the good work of the Habitat for Humanity, that we have approved work at a Habitat building site as creditable for accumulation of volunteer hours. Furthermore, our Association has awarded Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County with a \$2,000 Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help defray costs associated with purchase of landscape materials.



Figure 1: WCMGA Installing Plants



Figure 2: WCMGA Sod Installation

If you would just like to help with construction, email me at bwgraham84@comcast.net or give me a call at 615-491-7430 and I will coordinate with HFHWC. Many of the builds are sponsored by various groups so volunteering for the construction days has to be coordinated. Please keep in mind that everyone volunteering at a construction site, is required to complete a release of liability form, annually.

More detailed information will be published at our monthly meeting on October 10th. Our guest speaker for the night will be Mr. Steve Lewis, Associate Director, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. I look forward to his presentation and learning more about Habitat for Humanity.