



BUILDING A HOME FOR A FAMILY IN ROATAN, HONDURAS

► CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Our local staff and construction crew will prepare the foundation for the home prior to your arrival in Roatán. They will also build the septic tank, posts, beams, floor joists, stairs, deck, and the floor.

Completing a home typically takes 3-4 days:

Day 1

- Build exterior walls
- Frame middle interior wall
- Install center beam
- Roof preparation (rafters & stringers)

Day 2

- Frame bathroom walls
- Nail the tongue & groove for all interior walls (middle & bathroom walls)
- Nail window trim
- Nail the roof
- Install deck railing
- Tile bathroom floor
- Tile kitchen countertop
- Start plumbing & electrical Work

Day 3

- Grout bathroom floor and kitchen countertop
- Finish plumbing & electric
- Install front and bathroom doors
- Install kitchen and bathroom sinks
- Other finish work

Day 4

- Complete remaining details (if necessary)
- Present keys and home dedication (afternoon)

► CHOOSING A FAMILY & BUILD DATE

The first step is to choose a family for whom you and your team will build a home. Our Team Coordinator has already interviewed several families who meet the criteria needed for receiving a home. She will provide you with the names of several candidate families and will provide you with a website link with the families' biographies to help you make your choice.

We will also need to know when you would like to build the home. Finalizing your selection of a family can depend on the location of the home and the expected weather during your build date.

Once a family is selected, our Team Coordinator will set up a Fundraising Campaign Page which will include photos of the family, the biography of the family, and your fundraising goal. You will be given a website link to the Fundraising Campaign Page that you can share with others as you raise the funds for the construction costs. You are more than welcome to create your own and separate fundraising campaign if you prefer.

► CONSTRUCTION COSTS

There are four costs you will want to take into account as you consider raising funds for and building a home for a family: Base Construction, Add-On's, Lodging & Meals, and Travel.

Base Construction Costs

The budget for building a family home in 2024 is \$21,000.00, which is raised by the sponsoring team (increasing to \$23,000 in 2025 due to increased costs for materials). Each home is 384 square feet in size (16' by 24') and built on 8 ft posts above the ground. The home includes 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, a kitchen, dining & living area, and all basic electric and plumbing. The outside of the house has a large extended deck.

Due to the generosity of several partners who contributed to the *DwellingsNow 2023 Solar Giving Season Campaign*, each home built in 2024 will be supplied with a solar electric system. Each system includes solar panels, 2 batteries, and 8 lights which will be installed in the bedrooms, the bathroom, the kitchen, and the common living spaces. (We hope to successfully repeat this solar campaign to provide for homes in 2025.)

Add-On's Costs

There are several extra (add-on's) features that can be provided to the recipient family:

- Cement Floor (under the home): \$1,000.00
- Exterior Paint: \$500.00
- Water Tower & Tank: \$1,500.00
- Rain Gutters: \$500.00

Additional items below can be purchased for the family locally (prices vary and are approximate).

- Beds: \$150 - \$200 each
- Table: \$200 (picnic table for deck)
- Kitchen Stove: \$380.00

Please note: Costs for Add-On's are subject to change based on local availability and pricing. Our Team Coordinator will be glad to discuss these options with you.

Ground Fees (lodging, meal costs, ground transportation)

- \$850.00 per Team Member (\$875 in 2025 due to recent price increases at Seagrape). Includes lodging for 7 nights, most meals, and transportation (to/from airport, to/from home site).

Travel Costs

All teams are responsible for the costs of travelling to/from Roatán. If you need additional help, we can provide you with information about airlines, routes, and requirements for travelling to Roatán. Please contact Brianna (brianna@dwellingnow.com)

► **DEPOSITS & DONATIONS**

A **\$250.00 non-refundable deposit** is required once your build date is determined. The deposit will secure your date. If for any reason you need to change your build date, we will do everything possible to accommodate the change, subject to availability.

The balance of all Construction Costs, Add-On Costs, and Ground Fees is due no later than **30 days prior** to the build date. Donations can be made online via your Fundraising Campaign Page or by check.

When making online donations using your Fundraising Campaign, donors will need to select either “Construction Costs” or “Ground Fees” from the “Apply My Donation To” drop-down menu, as appropriate. We are very appreciative of your team covering the online processing fee with their donation.

Donations made by check can be mailed to:

DwellingsNow
Attn: Eric Drivdahl
10614 NE 174th Place
Bothell, WA 98011

Please include a note referencing the name of the family you are building for, and whether the donation is to be applied to Construction Costs or to Ground Fees.

Donations can also be made by Zelle from your bank to DwellingsNow with no fees. Simply use the email eric@dwellingnow.com and note on the Zelle payment where it is to be applied.