

# AMERICORPS MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM



## DISASTER RESPONSE

MRT is a team of AmeriCorps members dedicated to responding to disasters. Tornado, floods, derechos, COVID-19, we've had our team on the ground.

## AFFILIATE SUPPORT

When not responding to disasters, the MRT is available to any Iowa affiliate for construction support. Members can do a variety of tasks and can be reserved from a day to weeks at a time.

## CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR

When the schedule allows, the MRT has a construction supervisor on hand to join the team while traveling.

## WHAT IS MRT?

Habitat for Humanity of Iowa's AmeriCorps Mobile Response Team is an AmeriCorps funded resource for Iowa Habitat Affiliates and Volunteer Iowa. The MRT's primary focus is disaster preparedness and response. Its secondary priority is assisting with non-disaster related housing needs in communities across Iowa. The team consists of 1 construction supervisor and 6-10 AmeriCorps members through out the year.

## HOW TO RESERVE THE TEAM

For any Iowa Habitat affiliate looking to use the team for their next project, please complete the reservation form or contact Katie Sylvis who will be glad to help anyone complete the form and go through the process.

**Form:** [www.iowahabitat.org/mobile-response-team](http://www.iowahabitat.org/mobile-response-team).

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## AFFILIATE RESPONSIBILITIES:

### Local Affiliates must provide:

- Sleeping location
- Access to a kitchen and shower daily
- Mileage reimbursement for MRT travel
- Donated food or gift cards to local grocery stores when possible

## HABITAT IOWA RESPONSIBILITIES:

### Habitat Iowa will provide:

- Cots and bedding
- Coolers for food storage
- MRT Vehicles and Trailers
- Any tools requested

Members will be responsible for their own food when food is not donated.

# TYPICAL AFFILIATE ASSIGNMENT

A typical affiliate assignment is about 3-5 days 8am - 4pm. The members will drive to the site in Habitat Iowa vehicles and trailers and will work with the MRT construction supervisor or the affiliate construction supervisor to complete construction activities. Example activities can include laying flooring, installing drywall, painting, and more. The members stay in town sleeping on cots in a donated space such as a church or a home. The affiliate also locates donated lunch or evening meals for the members.

# TYPICAL DISASTER ASSIGNMENT

Members are called upon by Volunteer Iowa usually for 30 day deployments to address natural disasters. The members sleep, eat, and work along side other disaster teams serving at the disaster. Typically serving 12+ hour days.

