



Volunteer Spotlight: Emily Matthews

What made this Georgia Tech graduate who had never held a hammer get involved with Habitat nearly four years ago? She had just moved to Texas after landing a structural engineering job with L3 and she simply wanted to meet people. The camaraderie and sense of community has kept her coming back year after year.

“The people who volunteer with Habitat are a really good group. They would do anything for me,” she shared after relinquishing her perch atop the roof of the house in progress on Joe Bailey Street.

In addition to a circle of friends, Emily has gained valuable construction skills. No longer the newbie, she now leads a crew of volunteers each weekend. When asked about the most rewarding aspect of volunteering for RAHFH, Emily said, “All of the hard work pays off when I get to see the final product—a completed house—and the smiles on the faces of the homeowners.”