

## ASBW Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **What is Act! Speak! Build! Week?**

Act! Speak! Build! Week empowers young people around the world to educate themselves and their communities, and to move people to social action. Young people, ages 5-25, work in partnership with local Habitat affiliates to plan and host events focused on ending poverty housing. Events are youth-led and youth-initiated!

### **Can I participate if I am over 25 years old?**

Contestants over 25 are allowed to participate if they are students currently enrolled in an Undergraduate program.

### **Do I need my parent's/guardian's or teacher's permission to participate in the door decorating contest?**

If you are under 14 years old, you must get your parent's, teacher's, or youth leader's signature on our official entry form to be entered on our door decorating contest.

### **What does it mean to advocate for Habitat for Humanity?**

We view advocacy as changing systems, policies and attitudes to achieve decent housing for all.

### **What activities can I do to help advocate?**

"A Key to Inspiration" is the sponsored activity this year. Students will decorate a door with their own style and key housing facts and statistics. Other activities include a posting on social media, meeting with an elected official, or organizing a Nickels for Nails campaign. Additional activities are listed on our website [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org).

### **Where can I find more statistics about poverty housing?**

Los Angeles County Statistics can be found at the L.A. Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness (<http://lacehh.wordpress.com/>). National and International statistics can be found at the Habitat for Humanity International website ([www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)).

### **What kind of support does Habitat for Humanity provide for ASBW?**

We are happy to provide ideas and answer any questions. If you are participating in the "A Key to Inspiration" activity, doors will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis at our Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles Restores.

### **How much time do I need to plan for Act! Speak! Build! Week?**

Your planning time depends on the scale of your project. This year, ASBW is April 12-18 and the deadline for our door contest is **March 20, 2015**. You can plan an activity or project in as little as two weeks, but we recommend planning and publicizing your activity or event at least one month in advance.

### **Can I post my activity on Twitter, Facebook or other social media tool?**

YES! We would love for our participants to share how you are raising awareness on the need for affordable housing during your ASBW activities. Post to your personal pages and make sure to tag @HabitatLA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and use our ASBW hashtag #ASBWLA15

### **Are there more youth programs at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles?**

Yes! Youth can be involved through building, fundraising, raising awareness, and advocating. Please visit us at <http://habitatla.org/get-involved/youth-programs/>.