

HOUSE CAPTAIN INFORMATION

2024



CHRISTMAS *in* OCTOBER

Celebrating 41 Years of Rebuilding Houses,
Lives, and Neighborhoods

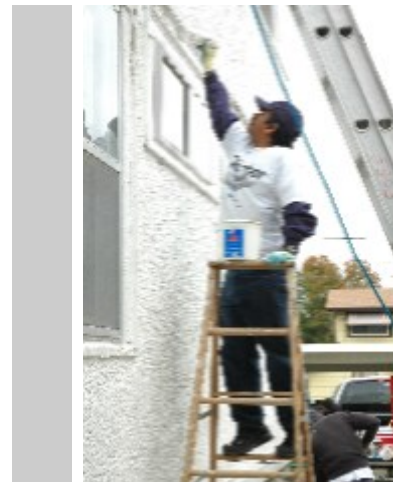
CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER KEY INFORMATION

Mission Statement

Our mission is to bring together volunteers from throughout the metropolitan area to rehabilitate the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled, and veterans so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and dignity.

Thank you for serving as a House Captain/Team Leader for this year's program. We simply could not make this happen without you. Please review the contents of this packet for event dates and information you will need.

Volunteers Event Day October 5th



Contact Information

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Mailing Address

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Warehouse Address

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Executive Director

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doug@christmasinOctober.org

Important Dates for the Program and Planning Your Work

House Captain Meeting

The recording of the House Captain Meeting for volunteer groups is located [HERE](#)

Most of the information that you need to know is covered at this meeting. It is important that at least one of your House Captains attend this meeting.

Warehouse Check-Out Dates for Materials

You may pick up materials and equipment at our warehouse located at 3261 Roanoke Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. The warehouse will be open on the dates shown below to pick up materials for your project. If you are working on a different date we can arrange an alternate date and time that fits your schedule.

2024 Warehouse Hours

Wednesday, September 25th 11am - 2 pm, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday, September 26th 11am - 6 pm

Friday, September 27th 11am - 6 pm

Saturday, September 28th 9am - 12pm

Sunday, September 29th – Call Doug one week in advance

Monday, September 30th 11am - 6pm

Tuesday, October 1st 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 8pm

Wednesday, October 2nd 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday, October 3rd 11am - 6pm

Friday, October 4th 11am - 6pm

EVENT DAY ! Saturday, October 5th 7:30am - 7:30pm

Return Tools & Materials, Saturday, October 5th - 12pm - 8pm

Return Tools & Materials, Sunday, October 6th - Call Doug in advance

Return Tools & Materials, Monday, October 7th 11am - 6pm

Warehouse Check-Out Procedure

You Must check in at the volunteers table prior to selecting materials at the warehouse. They will have a Material Check-Out form that must be completed with the items you are checking out.

NOTE: You will NOT be able to check out any materials or equipment for a home that is not in our database and assigned to your group.

At the end of the event day, please return materials to the warehouse. For painting projects, please leave any **opened** paint cans with the homeowner and return unopened cans to us.

Materials

Make a complete list of materials needed for your projects. We try to have most items you will need at our warehouse, but you if we do not have the item, we have several vendors we partner with to purchase these items. You must use our Vendor Authorization Card and the vendor will call us at checkout for us to authorize the item(s) and costs. These chargers will be billed to Christmas in October. The Vendor Cards have the approved vendors listed on the back of the card.



Additional Purchases of Materials

If your team has funds we certainly appreciate your using them, as we do have limited resources and funding. We are very appreciative of all donations our volunteers make and we can give them a donation letter if they provide a receipt for these purchases.

Christmas in October is NOT able to reimburse participates for purchases they make on their own credit card or for cash or at stores NOT on our approved Vendor list.



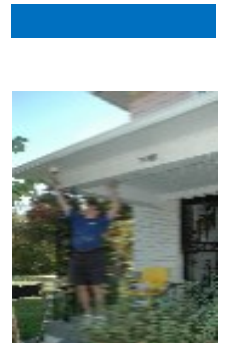
New Team Information

Registering is a two-step process. **Group Registration:** If your group is new to Christmas in October (CIO) you must first register your group by submitting an e-mail to info@christmasinOctober.org, which includes Name of your Group, Address and Contact Number. CIO staff will create your group in our system and contact you via email when complete. **Second, House Captain Registration:** After you are notified that the group has been created please register yourself online in the House Captain area on the website.

CIO Website Information on Houses

The information provided by the homeowners in their application is entered into CIO database upon receipt, which will be available for House Captains when they sign in to our website. Information collected during the CIO inspections will also be available. Homes that are not considered suitable are removed from the database.

The database information should assist House Captains in selecting a house that matches the skills of their volunteers as well as submitting requests for skilled help and orders for paint, lumber, dumpsters and portable toilets.



Typical Event Day Tasks

Volunteers may perform a variety of tasks including:

- interior and exterior painting
- caulking
- cleaning gutters
- installing insulation
- weatherizing doors and windows
- replacing broken windows
- clearing away brush
- installing smoke detectors
- removing trash

- installing handrails
- repairing or installing gutters
- repairing minor furnace problems
- **Serving lunches, water and snacks**
- **Taking before AND after pictures**

More skilled volunteer tasks might include:

- repairing doors and windows
- roofing repairs
- repairing damaged floors
porches and stairs
- plumbing repairs
- completing electrical repairs

Selecting a Home for your Team's Project

Inspecting Homes

While viewing the house details in our database, go to "Volunteer" and choose or click on "Reserve or Claim Property form" to reserve the house for your if it is suitable for your volunteers. Please keep in mind, you do NOT need to do everything on the homeowner list. Most people are extremely grateful for anything we can help them with on their home.

After you have previewed the options in the CIO database and have a list of addresses to inspect, contact the homeowner and schedule a time to inspect their home.

It is a good idea to take photos of the home you decide to select along with pictures of specific problems while you are with the homeowner. These can be used for showing your volunteers what needs to be done and who will be responsible for particular repairs.

It is important to let the homeowner know that this will be a preliminary step in the process. Explain that your team will be inspecting several homes before making a final selection of a house for event day. Let the homeowner know that, if their home is selected as a project by your team, you will contact them to let know and when you will return with further information . If skilled help will be requested, you should tell them that others **may** be contacting them prior to event day for those repairs.

Finalizing Your House Selection On-line

After you have met with the homeowners and have completed your inspections of the homes, you need to select one of the homes as your project for event day.

After you have selected a home, please "release (reject)" any other homes still on your pending list, so that they are available for selection by other volunteer groups. IF you reserved a house and decided not to work on it for whatever reason, please select "Cancel Property Reservation Form."

Please complete the return of these homes to the general database as quickly as possible. If you have any problems releasing these homes from your Pending File, please contact Doug or the Warehouse for assistance.

House Captain Checklist

As a House Captain, you are crucial to this program. You're responsibilities include the items listed below. Also we have suggested this timeline to make help you plan you project. Additional details on these topics are included in this document. Also, feel free to contact Doug or The warehouse with questions.

Activities during August/September

- Watch House Captain Orientation meeting
- Recruit volunteers and friends, and family members are always welcome
- Pick several homes to inspect (via CIO website)
- Meet with the residents and review potential work for their home
- Make final selection of house(s) for your team
- Let the homeowner know what you are planning and when you will arrive
- Prioritize and organize the projects you and your volunteers can complete
- Identify and request any Special Requests or Skilled Help required
- Order dumpsters, portable toilets, wood and paint if needed from the Christmas in October website.
- Organize your volunteers and assign areas of responsibilities to team members to complete on Event Day

House Captain Checklist (Continued)

7-10 days before your event day

- Determine and collect the materials required for your project at the warehouse and/or at authorized vendors
- Coordinate food and drinks for the volunteers
- Send a reminder note/email to your volunteers
- Call and remind homeowner the date and time you'll be there

Activities on your Event Day

- Arrive early and supervise work
- Remind volunteers of safety and address any safety issues or concerns
- Assure all volunteers have signed Waiver of Liability form. All volunteers working on the home must sign this form. There is a copy of this form on the next page for your convenience.**
- Take pictures of projects and include the homeowner! Send or publish copies to your volunteers and CIO.
- Start cleanup at 3 and to finish by 4 PM
- Return borrowed tools and unused materials to the warehouse
- Encourage your volunteers to attend Event Day after party to celebrate at the warehouse.**
- Have FUN!

WAIVER OF LIABILITY
Christmas in October Home Repair Project

In consideration of the opportunity afforded me to assist on a voluntary basis in the Christmas in October Home Repair Project, a project in which the homes of disadvantaged persons will be repaired by volunteers, and in light of the aims and purposes of the community service provided by Christmas in October in organizing this project, I hereby waive any right or cause of action arising as a result of my participation in said project from which any liability may or could accrue against Christmas in October or its officers and directors, collectively or individually. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I agree that this waiver shall include any rights or causes of action resulting from personal injury to me or damage to my property sustained in connection with my activities for the Home Repair Project.

We would like to be able to contact you for future volunteer opportunities for Christmas in October. If this is acceptable, please check the box , which indicates, yes you would like to be contacted. Please provide your e-mail address as another method to contact you. Thank you!

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date | |
| Name of Volunteer Group | |
| Name of Homeowner | |
| Address of Homeowner | |
| Total Number of Volunteers | |

| Print Name | Check to confirm OK to contact you. | Volunteer Address | Signature | Email Address (Optional) |
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Phone: 816-531-6443

Remind the Homeowner

Be sure to clearly communicate to the homeowner exactly what repairs your team plans to work on during the event. Tell the homeowner that we will do the best we can with the materials and labor we have available at the time. Please keep in mind that any project your team starts **MUST** be completed so plan your work and time accordingly. Choose if you want your team to stay late on event day or return later to finish a task. You can make your own plans if there is bad weather on event day.



Skilled Help Requests

The home may need repairs that your volunteers cannot make, such as a water heater not working, a stopped up sewer drain, or significant plumbing and electrical issues. For these repairs, please contact Doug or the office as soon as possible, so that they can be forwarded to the plumbing or electrical professional to schedule the repair. We will do as many of these repairs as we can, but there are always more requests than we have professionals.

Ask for Help from Talented Friends and People you Know

If possible, please ask local plumbers, electricians, roofers, tree specialists, or carpenters to help you with repairs that require skilled help. Many small businesses are willing to volunteer their help if they are simply asked. We provide the material for projects, so it is just a matter of getting the labor. Christmas in October can provide a tax donation certificate in exchange for their help.

Rejecting a Home that is not Suitable for our Program

Even though CIO volunteers will be inspecting many of the homes this year, you may still find cause to reject a home. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We have tried to eliminate houses that we consider unsuitable for the program. If the home is in good condition or the homeowner does not seem appreciative, send an e-mail to info@christmasinOctober.org stating you think the home should be rejected. Volunteers are participating because they feel that this effort is worthwhile and appreciated. A house should also be rejected if it is determined to be a health or safety hazard for the volunteers.



Gutters

If the home you have selected needs guttering, we ask that your volunteer group prepare the fascia board before the event day. You will need to submit a Gutter Request form for the gutter materials. Your team would need to install the gutters on event day. A copy of this form is included in this packet and is available on the CIO website. Please e-mail this form to CIO as indicated on the form.

Windows, Glass and Screen Repair

If you have volunteers who are skilled at replacing window glass and screens, you can get screen and glazing compound at the warehouse. To request cut glass you will need to complete the request form that can be found in this packet or use the one on the CIO website. After completing the form, you will then fax or email it to CIO. The glazer will call/email you when the glass is ready to be picked up.

If your team is not able to replace the glass and screens themselves, our glass center will handle glazing and screen replacement if you bring the sash to the warehouse. An identification sticker must be firmly attached to each sash and include the following information: the homeowner name and address, the cell phone number for a volunteer to be notified when the sash is ready to be picked up. Identification stickers will be available at the drop-off location at our warehouse.

It is very important that requests for cut glass and sashes to be repaired by the Glaziers be turned in as early as possible to assure that they are returned early in the day to give your team members time to re-install it in the house on event day.



Trash - KC MO

There will be no event day trash pickup. It is important to let us know if there is excessive trash left at the curb. All bulk trash will be picked up by the city after the event and continue throughout the next several weeks. Please make sure the homeowner understands this. Bulk items need to be separated from the other trash to make it easier for pickup. Bulk items are picked up by a separate crew on a different route from the homeowners normal trash. Regular trash will be picked up in accordance with each neighborhood's normal trash day. **All trash must be placed at the curb to be picked up!**

Yard waste must be separated from household trash, and must be tied with twine in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and not weighing more than 70 pounds. It is also recommended that metal items be separated, so that people driving by scavenging for metal do not disturb the pile waiting for city pickup.

Dumpsters

If you have excessive amounts of trash or yard waste, please request a dumpster. If you determine your project will require a dumpster, please submit an online Special Help Request through the House Captain Website for your particular house. Please place the request as early as possible to assure one is available and on site for your work day.

Dumpsters that must be placed on the street require a permit and 14 days notice.

Privacy

We recommend that House Captains do not give their phone number to a homeowner. It is our policy **not** to give out your phone number to anyone and we encourage you not to use your mobile phone to contact them. If one of the homeowners you are helping calls us about an issue or question on their home, we will send you an email asking you how you want us to respond.

Returning Materials

Please return all ladders, paint brushes, caulk guns, and all other equipment on Event Day. If that is not possible, please call the office before you bring items back to make sure someone will be here to check items in. The office will be open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday after Event Day.

House Captain Report

After you have completed the repairs, you must file a House Captain Report. This takes approximately 2 minutes.



After Party at the Warehouse on October 5th

Bring back your ladders and leftover materials, then share a beer and brats with Christmas in October volunteers and staff! Hang out with other groups and share stories on how the day went.

Materials and Skilled Help Requests

For Materials-

Our plan is for the teams to enter their orders for paint, lumber, dumpsters, and portable toilets online.

The only two requests for materials that can be e-mailed are for cut glass and gutters. Samples of information needed to order these items are included in the next two pages.

For Skilled Help Assistance-

If the house you selected needs skilled help beyond what your team is capable of handling, please call or email Doug or the warehouse. Our skilled volunteers are plumbers and electricians. These resources are very limited.

**CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER HOUSE CAPTAINS
REQUEST FOR CUT GLASS**

HOUSE ADDRESS _____
 HOUSE CAPTAINS NAME _____
 HOUSE CAPTAINS PHONE # _____
 PLANNED PICKUP DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

**Glass cannot be ordered on-line so please email to:
info@christmasinoctober.org**

CUT GLASS SIZES

| Size | Quantity | Wood Frame | Metal Frame |
|---------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| _____ X _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Always measure the length and width of the opening in which the glass is to fit at more than one place. Windows are often not absolutely square. If there is a difference between two measurements, use the smaller. Deduct 1/8 inch from the full opening width and length to allow for expansion and contraction. Otherwise, the glass may crack with changes of temperature.

Email to info@christmasinoctober.org

HOUSE CAPTAINS REQUEST FOR GUTTERS

HOUSE ADDRESS _____
 HOUSE CAPTAINS NAME _____
 HOUSE CAPTAINS PHONE # _____
 PICKUP DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

Please e-mail to info@christmasinocember.org
 (Note: CIO does not provide installation)

Gutter Measurements

All gutters are white and lengths should not exceed your vehicle's ability to carry them. If you check the "Overlap" box we will add about 1 1/2" to your lengths.

| Length | Overlap | Quantity | Comments |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| _____ ft. _____ in. | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | ===== |
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| Downspouts 10 ft. | | _____ | ===== |

Please e-mail to info@christmasinocember.org