

HOMES Inc.
Community Summer 2022

[HOMES Incorporated](#) provides affordable and efficient housing solutions to distressed communities in Eastern Kentucky through new construction, rehabilitation, and rental opportunities. We also provide a variety of experiential volunteer opportunities that foster teambuilding and servant leadership for groups and organizations. HOMES Inc is closely connected to many of the organizations that host Robertson Scholars during the summer. We were happy to develop a new internship for 2019.

HOMES Inc. has successfully provided services (e.g., heat and air quality audits) and support to a wide local area and wants to expand their reach. HOMES Inc. is looking for an intern to help with the following:

- Participate in home rehabs (work on houses!) and learn about other services provided
- Identify and help develop new markets and partners
- Meet possible partners and key players
- Develop outreach and sustainability strategy
- Document and share stories about volunteer experiences
- Develop and implement social media strategies

The director described himself to Vicki as a “construction guy—not a marketer or storyteller” and is looking for a “people person” who thrives on talking with people about HOMES Inc. while also working on houses. Ben Rees, who held the position in 2019, especially appreciated the flexibility of this position, as well as the chance to learn home rehabilitation and work with many different people.

The Robertson who holds this position in 2022 will spend the first part of the summer working on rehabbing the houses and the second part doing more of the marketing/research work. The Robertson will learn technical skills of construction and homebuilding as well as strategies for nonprofit support.

DESIRED ATTRIBUTES AND SKILLS:

- Initiative, creativity, energy
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with a variety of audiences
- Excellent organizational and time-management skills
- Interest in community-building, inter-organizational coalitions, and collaboration
- Interest in economic development and sustainability
- Ability to work well independently as well as part of a team
- Interest in building, constructions, materials, and marketing/fundraising/writing
- Humility and willingness to learn

NOTE FROM VICKI:

A car is necessary for this position.

The Robertson Scholar in this position will work closely with the building team and will work on people's homes—often while they are there. Can you imagine fixing the floor while the elderly, disabled couple looks on in thanks? This is an extremely intimate setting, humbling for Robertsons.

Ben Rees spent his summer working on houses and did not get to do the marketing/PR/social media that HOMES would like to see for Summer 2022.