



## Other Advocacy Activities

**Meet with an Elected Official**—Meet with an elected official at the city, county, state or federal level to advocate for funding to support affordable homeownership opportunities like Habitat for Humanity. It is an excellent way for youth to engage in the political process and advocate for affordable housing related legislation.

**Post on Social Media**—Use your social media to spread awareness on the need of affordable housing. Post a photo of yourself showing how you support affordable housing, or a fact or statistic on poverty housing and call for a solution! Use our handles and hashtags: @HabitatLA #ASBWLA15 @HabitatYouth

**Build!**—Organize a build day with Habitat LA (you must be at least 16 years old). Put your muscle where your mouth is and not only build awareness, but help build a house. Participating groups will be asked to fundraise at least \$250 for a weekday build. All funds will go toward the sponsorship of the *House that Youth Built*.

**Shanty Town/Sleep Out**—The purpose of a Shanty Town or a Sleep Out is to raise awareness about poverty housing and homelessness in the minds of both the participants and the observers. During a Shanty Town event, students spend at least one night “sleeping” outside in cardboard boxes, constructed shacks, or tents in order to draw attention to housing issues. This activity can be done on individual efforts or can be organized at a high school, college or church campus.

**Fundraise: Nickels for Nails**—Make a difference by raising money through Habitat LA’s Nickels for Nails fundraising drive and see first-hand how donating extra change can make a life-altering difference for a deserving family. The money collected will go towards the *House that Youth Built*. Teachers and youth groups who sign up will receive materials to help with having a successful fundraising drive.

**Make Public Comment**—What better way to raise your voice?! Speak at a public meeting that’s taking place in your community. This may be a County Board of Supervisors, City Council, School Board or even a Planning Commission meeting. Educate your local elected officials and advocate for affordable housing.

**For additional questions about Act! Speak! Build! Week or any of our youth programs please contact Monica Del Real, Youth Programs Coordinator at [youthprograms@habitatla.org](mailto:youthprograms@habitatla.org) or (310) 400-1921.**