



Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Habitat Birmingham builds and repairs homes in partnership with low-to-moderate income families to support affordable housing and disaster recovery needs in Jefferson, Shelby, Walker, and St. Clair counties.

Why Habitat for Humanity is needed

Housing affects us all – our social well-being, our community's aesthetic appeal and stability, and our economy. Yet, purchasing affordable housing is out of reach for many working families. More than half of all adults have made at least one trade-off in the past three years to cover their rent or mortgage. Trade-offs includes taking a second job, cutting back on healthcare and healthy food, and moving to less safe neighborhoods.



How it Works: hand up, not hand out

Houses are not given away. Zero percent financing is offered to qualified applicants.

Habitat home buyers build their own homes alongside volunteers, complete education classes, and pay an affordable mortgage. With your help, home buyers are empowered, confident, and determined to achieve their own independence to build a better life for themselves and their families for multiple generations. Homeowners can save more, invest in education, pursue opportunity, and have more financial stability.

Home buyer applicants undergo a thorough vetting process, including personal interviews and background checks, and qualify based on three criteria: (1) need for quality, affordable housing; (2) willingness to partner with Habitat Birmingham (minimum 300 "sweat equity" hours and 10 home buyer education workshops); and, (3) ability to repay a no interest mortgage and make down payment.

Homeowner education is a key component to long-term, successful home ownership. Potential home buyers complete 10 education classes about home ownership in a classroom setting that includes budgeting, fire prevention, homeowner insurance, mortgage contracts, and more. Plus, home buyers participate in hands-on training in a classroom setting and on the construction site to avoid having to make a service call for a minor home repair.

Key Facts about Habitat Birmingham:

- Zero percent financing is offered to qualified families for new and repaired homes;
- \$85,000 is the average cost of new house construction (including land);
- \$500 is the average monthly mortgage payment (varies based on house size, taxes, etc.);

- Ranks in the top 10 out of more than 1,400 Habitat affiliates in the US by Habitat for Humanity International based on production;
- Recognized as one of the top 15 home builders in the Birmingham area by the Birmingham Business Journal (ranked by number of building permits).



Annual Impact (CY 2017):

- Unduplicated people served – 22,090;
- Provided no-interest mortgages on new houses - 29;
- Home repairs completed on existing owner-occupied houses - 138;
- Property taxes paid by home owners - \$248,800+;
- Estimated value of volunteer service donated - \$1.1 million.

Quality, Affordable Housing Effect:

With quality, affordable housing stability and self-reliance are actually obtainable not merely aspirational. Housing improves educational achievement, encourages responsible citizenship and becomes a wealth-building tool. Homeowners, compared to renters (of same age, income, race, etc.), are less likely to have substance abuse issues and more likely to attend church and join school PTA. The social impact of stable housing on children is significant; they're less likely to be involved in a teen pregnancy or be on welfare or be idle at age 20, and more likely to graduate from college and be higher wage earners in adulthood. (Source: Habitat for Humanity International)



- Instills dignity, hope, educational achievement, career advancement, and civic responsibility;
- Promotes self-sufficiency and inspires others caught in the cycle of poverty;
- Revitalizes neighborhoods and replaces poverty housing with healthy living environments;
- Builds strong communities and generates positive economic impact.

Partnerships with Habitat Birmingham:

- offer an opportunity for people to contribute to communities
- enable all supporters to see tangible results of their efforts
- encourage volunteer activities and participation
- build camaraderie, friendship, and morale
- improve team work skills
- enhance problem solving abilities
- develop leadership
- send a strong message to the community about your commitment to eliminate poverty housing

A. Family Sponsorship

i. New House Construction

Anyone can sponsor, or join together to sponsor, a family to live in a house – individuals, corporations, faith community. Sponsorship involves financial and volunteer support at a participation level selected by the sponsor. Volunteers assist with tasks from framing to landscaping.

Builder **\$50,000+**

unlimited volunteer opportunity throughout home build and an option to designate an international family sponsorship through Habitat's tithe program

Carpenter **\$25,000**

four weekend volunteer opportunities plus unlimited weekday opportunities throughout build

Partner **\$10,000**

two weekend, and weekly weekday, volunteer opportunities throughout build

Friend **\$5,000**

one weekend, and weekly weekday, volunteer opportunities

ii. Existing House Construction: Neighborhood Revitalization

Neighborhood Revitalization Programs contribute to building and preserving healthy neighborhoods and communities. The Program serves existing owner-occupied homes. Homeowners repay a portion of repair costs that are financed through a no-interest loan.

Rehabilitation **\$5,000 for one house**

significant structural conditions, roof replacement, safety and handicap accessibility modifications

Critical Repair **\$2,500 to \$5,000 for one house**

general poor structural conditions, roof repair, safety and handicap accessibility modifications

A Brush with Kindness **\$500 for one house**

Prepping and painting house exterior

Sponsoring Special Events

Corporate Challenge

Team-building program designed uniquely for businesses to encourage workforce unity, promote volunteerism and being good citizens in our community. It's a twist from our traditional volunteer day that includes exclusive perks like t-shirts, lunch, and more. Plus, it allows us to reserve one construction site for your entire group several weeks or months in advance.

BBQ for Building

Annual BBQ competition and family festival designed for fun for the entire family with live music, children's workshop area and moon bounce. Event takes place at Habitat's Restore at 7952 Crestwood Boulevard in Irondale.



Women Build

House project funded and built by women. Help build alongside hundreds of women in the community in honor or in memory of special women in your life. It empowers women to learn construction skills, develop friendships and see positive results of their efforts and contributions.

Home Builders Blitz

Annual one-week event engaging professional homebuilders, subcontractors, suppliers in the home-building industry, and community volunteers to build multiple houses simultaneously in seven days. Event and meal sponsorships, as well donations of materials and skilled trades, are needed to support this event.

Home for the Holidays

Annual 10-day house build tradition in partnership with media partner and corporate sponsors. Sponsors participate in house construction and are featured in customized television commercials November through January.

Building On Faith

Encourages congregations of all faiths and sizes to join together to help in the construction of a house. Helps congregations reach home missions goals by offering congregations a tangible way to put their faith into action and reach beyond church walls to serve.



A 30,000 square foot home improvement store.

- Offers great prices on household items and building materials
- Raises funds to assist more families with affordable housing
- Promotes conservation by diverting material away from landfills
- Allows a tax deduction for your donations of building materials, furniture, appliances, lighting, and other household items

Open to the Public

7952 Crestwood Boulevard, Irondale

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 7 pm

Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm

Donations accepted during business hours

