



## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### HOMEOWNERSHIP

Habitat LA recognizes that our veteran population is rapidly growing, with thousands struggling to meet every day needs, including securing decent and affordable housing.

Habitat LA believes in the strength, security and sustainability that homeownership can provide and we encourage all veterans to apply.

Interested applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered as a prospective homeowner:

- Meet income qualifications (*see website for income guidelines*)
- Have good credit (*no judgments, collections or recent bankruptcies*)
- Be a first-time homebuyer
- Contribute 200-500 *sweat equity* hours into the construction of their home and the homes of others

Visit: [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org) for more information and the income qualifying chart.

### HOME REPAIRS

Habitat LA provides repairs and non-cosmetic improvements to qualified veteran and military households to help alleviate health and safety issues in and around their home. Repairs are offered with two affordable repayment options: A one-time payment or a zero-interest, deferred forgivable loan.

For more information about our Home Repair Program and how you can qualify, visit: [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org) and click on *Home Repair Program*.

Approximately 1.4 million veterans (6.7%) live in poverty.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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

#### VISION

*A world where everyone has a decent place to live.*



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# Habitat for Heroes

WE SERVE. WE HONOR. WE BUILD.



Nearly 4 million veteran households pay more than 30 percent of income for housing.



More than 1.5 million veteran households pay more than 50 percent of income for housing (severe cost burden).



## ABOUT HABITAT FOR HEROES

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an international nonprofit organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat LA is committed to creating affordable housing solutions and engaging opportunities for those who share our vision. **This undoubtedly includes the countless men and women who have bravely served our country.**

In 2011, Habitat LA established Habitat for Heroes, a veteran outreach initiative seeking to include veterans, military members and their families in Habitat's mission. Since then, more than 4,000 veterans have volunteered, and more than 60 veterans have received home repairs or purchased their first home.

**Habitat LA is committed to providing more opportunities for veterans and we encourage you to get involved through the following options.**

Nearly 1 million veterans who own homes are severely cost burdened, despite having access to VA loans and other assistance.



### VOLUNTEER

Veterans and members of our military understand the meaning of service better than anyone and can play a key role in revitalizing our communities. With your leadership skills and expertise you can make an impact in the following ways:

- **Building and renovating homes** for families in need
- **Repairing homes** for fellow veterans and others in need of health and safety repairs
- Volunteering your time in our **ReStore**
- Serving on our **Veterans Advisory Council** or other committees
- Encouraging your kids to join Habitat LA's **Junior Builder or Youth United** programs
- Joining our **Speakers Bureau**

### ADVOCATE

With the rising number of returning military personnel, the need for affordable housing options and community resources will continue to increase. **Habitat LA knows that building more homes is not the only solution and encourages you to become a Habitat LA Advocacy Ambassador.** Advocacy Ambassadors are called upon to take action on key legislative bills by meeting and/or contacting their legislators on behalf of the veteran community.

To sign up visit: [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org) and click on **Advocate.**

### VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) helps guide the outreach efforts of Habitat LA within the veteran community. Comprised of veterans and veteran support organizations, the VAC assists in the implementation of existing veteran focused programs and helps shape the direction of Habitat LA's veterans outreach initiative and is always seeking new members to be a part of the movement.

### PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

The following agencies and organizations are official partners of Habitat for Heroes. If your organization is interested in joining us, please contact us at [veteranscoordinator@habitatla.org](mailto:veteranscoordinator@habitatla.org).

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| <i>American GI Forum</i>                | <i>U.S. Armed Forces</i>                       |
| <i>American Legion</i>                  | <i>U.S. Vets</i>                               |
| <i>In Helping Others Inc.</i>           | <i>U.S. Veterans Administration</i>            |
| <i>Military Women in Need</i>           | <i>United Way Greater Los Angeles</i>          |
| <i>The Mission Continues</i>            | <i>University of Southern California (CIR)</i> |
| <i>The National Veterans Foundation</i> | <i>The Veterans Resource Center, Whittier</i>  |
| <i>New Directions for Veterans</i>      | <i>Wounded Warriors Project</i>                |
| <i>Team Rubicon</i>                     |  |