

our mission

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles builds and renovates homes in partnership with God and people everywhere with a goal of eliminating substandard housing by making decent, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action in our communities.



our story

habitat for humanity's work

- Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity (HFH) International has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 800,000 homes, housing more than 4 million people worldwide. With more than 1,500 HFH affiliates in over 70 countries, approximately every 5 1/2 minutes, a HFH home is completed somewhere in the world.

- Since our founding in 1990, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA) has built and renovated nearly 900 homes locally and internationally, with plans to build, purchase or renovate an additional 260 homes in Long Beach.

habitat for humanity's homebuilding model works!

- Through volunteer labor, donated building materials, professional services and land, HFH GLA builds and renovates decent, sustainable and affordable homes in partnership with families and individuals selected for homeownership through a rigorous application process.

- HFH GLA homes are sold to qualifying partner homeowners without profit and financed with affordable, zero interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build additional Habitat homes.

- Builder Magazine ranked HFH as the largest private homebuilder in the United States and the 6th largest overall homebuilder on the 2012 Builder 100 list.

a hand-up not a hand-out

- We carefully select families and individuals for each house we build or rehabilitate. Selection is non-discriminatory; race, color, ethnic origin, religion, sex and family composition are not factors.

- Must demonstrate need. Homebuyers must be low-income, earning between 30-80% of the area median income for LA County.

- Must have good credit (no recent bankruptcies, liens or judgments).

- Must attend HFH GLA and HUD homebuyer education workshops and invest 200-500 hours of *sweat equity* into the construction and/or rehabilitation of their home.

"God blesses us beyond our expectations. It's difficult for people like you and me who are rich to know how to share it. Habitat, above any other organization I know on earth, gives us a chance to break through that shell."

- Former President Jimmy Carter