

Our Story

Our Mission

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



Habitat for Humanity's Work

- Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 800,000 homes, serving more than 1 million families worldwide. With more than 1,400 Habitat affiliates in over 70 countries, approximately every five minutes, a Habitat home is completed somewhere in the world.
- Since our founding in 1990, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA) has built and repaired more than 1000 homes locally and internationally.

Habitat for Humanity's Homebuilding Model Works!

- Through volunteer labor, donated building materials, professional services and land, Habitat LA builds and renovates decent, sustainable and affordable homes in partnership with families and individuals selected for homeownership through a rigorous application process.
- Habitat LA homes are sold to qualifying partner homeowners without profit and financed with affordable, zero equivalency loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build additional Habitat homes.
- Builder Magazine ranked Habitat 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.
- Homebuyers must demonstrate need. Homebuyers must be low-income, earning between 30-80% of the area median income for LA County.
- Homebuyers must have good credit (no recent bankruptcies, liens or judgments).
- Homebuyers must attend Habitat LA and HUD homebuyer education workshops and invest up to 500 hours of *sweat equity* into the construction and/or rehabilitation of their home.



“By having these families move into Habitat homes, they're contributing to their community, making their community that much better which trickles up and over and down to the other surrounding communities. We are all a part of a greater whole in this community and the more people can share in all of that, the better we all are.”

- Gerry Bross, Past Chairman of the Board, Habitat LA