



Fact Sheet

Building Hope, Lives and Communities

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.



Habitat for Humanity's Work

- Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built over 350,000 homes, housing more than 1.75 million people worldwide in over 90 countries with over 1,700 affiliates in the U.S. and another 550 international.
- Since our founding in 1990, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA) has built and renovated nearly 650 homes locally and internationally, with plans to build, purchase or renovate an additional 260 homes in the greater Los Angeles area over the next three years through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2.
- In addition, HFH GLA has renovated over 100 additional homes through its *A Brush with Kindness* program, which was launched in 2007 during the *Jimmy Carter Work Project* in Los Angeles.
- HFH GLA serves 112 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County, including 70 communities within the City of Los Angeles. For a list of communities in our service area, please visit our website: www.habitatla.org



Habitat for Humanity's Homebuilding Model Works!

- Through volunteer labor, donated building materials, professional services and land, HFH GLA builds and renovates simple, decent homes in partnership with families selected for homeownership through a rigorous application process.
- Habitat for Humanity homes are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build more Habitat homes.
- *Builder Magazine* ranked Habitat for Humanity as the largest private homebuilder in the United States and the 8th largest overall homebuilder on the 2009 Builder 100 list.
- Our mortgage foreclosure rate is less than 1% and the Habitat brand value exceeds \$3.1 billion. Approximately every 23 minutes a Habitat home is built somewhere in the world.



Partner Family Requirements: "A Hand Up, Not A Hand Out"

- A willingness to partner with HFH GLA by investing up to 500 volunteer hours, known as "sweat equity", toward the construction of their own home or other Habitat homes.
- Demonstrated need for adequate shelter—currently living in overcrowded or substandard or unsafe conditions.
- An ability to pay a mortgage and have a history of steady employment. HFH GLA Partner Families' mortgage payments never exceed 35% of their monthly income. HFH GLA Partner Families earn 30 to 80 percent of area median income. The average income of a family of four is between \$28,500 and \$47,580.
- Partner family selection is never based on race, religion, age or gender.

