

Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County
Build a Healthy Habit – Support Your Local Habitat
Case For Support

What is Habitat?

- We are a nonprofit 501(c) (3) affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.
- We are firmly established in Franklin County, PA since 1994.
- We are a group of caring people committed to identifying housing solutions.

Why does Habitat exist?

- We create quality, affordable homes for low income families.
- We create exciting opportunities for people to donate their time, talent and treasure.
- We create communities of happy, healthy people

Who can partner with Habitat?

- We welcome everyone! Volunteers, Funders, Families, Businesses, Churches
- We are a Christian ministry representing a variety of different churches
- We do not discriminate based on religion, nationality, gender, or country of origin

Why does Habitat need financial support?

- We want to see more people experience the transforming power of homeownership.
- We rely on cash gifts from individuals and organizations who want to see us continue.
- We do not charge a profit or earn any interest on our homes.

What will Habitat do with your gift?

- We will purchase building materials to construct more homes.
- We will partner with families willing to invest their own labor.
- We will reflect Christian principles of helping people in need.

What kind of gifts is Habitat seeking?

- Cash
- Stock
- Unrestricted operational gifts
- Gifts-in-kind

Consider the experience relayed by a Habitat partner family:

“Before partnering with Habitat we were living in a mobile home - Renting on the other side of town. We were having some difficulties there. Let’s be clear, we would have never been selected for a conventional mortgage but Habitat gave us a chance. I learned a lot during the sweat equity process and I’ve been able to use those same skills now as a homeowner. Our daughter was 4 when we moved in. I remember she wrote her name on one of the bedroom studs before we finished the drywall so that if we ever moved everyone would know that this was her home. This entire experience has given us the ability to have decent affordable housing – and that gives us the ability to take care of our family at the same time. The summer we were building the house was very hot and dry. About 75 volunteers showed up on July 4th. I only knew about 4 people. We put the roof on that day. It was so humbling to figure out why they came – they didn’t even know us. It has challenged us going forward to always give back – not just to Habitat, but in other ways as well. I will always sing the praises of Habitat for Humanity!”

From – **A happily housed family in Chambersburg, PA**

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Who We Are

Our Vision

We envision happily housed families in decent, affordable homes throughout our community.

Our Mission

Following Christian principles we provide homeownership solutions and support for low-income partner families in need throughout Franklin County Pennsylvania and beyond by pairing and sharing the power of volunteer labor with generous charitable gifts.

Our Core Values

- *Faith*
 - We are a Christian ministry grounded in the teachings and love of Jesus Christ.
 - We welcome and serve people of all faiths.
- *Partnership*
 - We value our partnership with Habitat for Humanity International and actively support its global mission.
 - We seek opportunity to work with other civic minded organizations.
- *Community*
 - We strengthen our community by offering an environment for people to experience the power of working together for a common good.
 - We celebrate the passion of our volunteers and donor recognizing diversity and promoting unity.
- *Stewardship*
 - We are committed to being an accountable, transparent organization to our donors, families, and community.
 - We provide homes without profit and mortgages without interest.
- *Support*
 - We invest in the long-term success of our partner families and neighborhoods.
 - We offer ongoing services to our partner families helping them to be successful homeowners and neighbors.

Our Outcomes

We provide housing in a distinctly unique way. We use charitable contributions to purchase supplies that are used by volunteers to construct homes. In this way, a typical Habitat house is valued at twice what it costs to construct. Each partner family is required to work alongside our volunteers as they invest their own sweat equity. No profit is charged and we offer a zero percent mortgage to our partner families...giving them a hand up – not a hand out. The end result is a happily housed family who has moved from substandard housing to a respectable home of their own and a community of volunteers who helped them make it! Join us!

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