



Building Homes. Building Hope.

Habitat for Humanity Durham

Habitat for Humanity Durham is a community-based, non-profit, faith-based organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Our mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

The organization was founded in 2003, is a member of Habitat for Humanity Canada, and part of a worldwide network that spans 100 Countries, has build over 225,000 homes, and is now building a new home every 21 minutes. Habitat for Humanity Canada is responsible for over 1,000 homes with 72 affiliates in 10 provinces and two territories. Canada hosts 60 ReStores and has 11 Campus Chapters. Canada has also managed 31 Women Build Homes, and out of all the affiliates 57 will build 191 homes.

Vision

A world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

Mission

To mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Values

HOUSING FOR ALL: We believe that access to safe, decent and affordable housing is a basic human right that should be available to all.

HUMAN DIGNITY: We believe in the worth and dignity of every human being. We respect the people we serve and those that help us in this effort and recognize them as our greatest resource.

PARTNERSHIP: We believe we can best achieve our mission through meaningful and mutually-beneficial partnerships with others.

FAITH IN ACTION: We believe that faith is lived through action. Building on our Christian foundation, we swerve and work with people of all faiths and beliefs in a spirit of justice and compassion.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVENESS: We believe there is a role for everyone committed to our vision, mission and vlaues and we seek to enrich our organization through diversity.

Volunteer Labour

Homes are built or renovated through volunteer labour. This provides the opportunity for all people to lend a helping hand and learn some new skills, while maintaining costs at a minimum.

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Sweat Equity

Future homeowners complete a minimum of 500 hours of sweat equity prior to moving into their home. They do so by working on construction of their own home and those of other prospective homeowners, or performing other work of value to Habitat For Humanity. The completion of sweat equity hours allows them to demonstrate commitment to homeownership, to become involved with every aspect of the home's construction. This creates pride of ownership and community spirit, and the opportunity to share in the partnership with other volunteers and donors.

No-Interest Mortgages

Interest charges put home ownership out of reach for many inadequately sheltered people. The Habitat For Humanity approach prohibits the charging of interest. Homeowners make monthly payments on their no-interest mortgages, over a period of 20 to 30 years. The amount of the mortgage is based upon the cost to build the home, not including volunteer labour. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowner's monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Non-Government Status

Government assistance is accepted for acquiring streets, utilities and land or houses for rehabilitation, provided such assistance has no provisions violating Habitat For Humanity principles. Government money is NOT accepted for construction of new homes.

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