

## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need, Habitat's partner families, at no profit and with no interest charged. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- "sweat equity" -- into building their homes and the homes of others. Mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity used to build more houses.

Founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller along with his wife Linda, and headquartered in Americus, Ga, HFHI's work in the United States is accomplished by affiliates.

### Habitat's Mission

Habitat's mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the earth. Habitat has taken its vision of a world with no more shacks to 53 nations. To date, HFHI has completed over 100,000 simple, decent, affordable houses around the globe.



## Foundational Principles

1) Habitat for Humanity seeks to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ to all people. While Habitat is a Christian organization, it invites and welcomes affiliate board members, volunteers and donors from other faiths actively committed to Habitat's mission, Method of Operation and Principles. The board will reflect the ethnic diversity of the area to be served.

2) Habitat for Humanity is a people to people partnership drawing communities and families in need together. Habitat is committed to the development and uplifting of families and communities, not only to the construction of houses.

3) Habitat for Humanity builds, renovates, and repairs simple, decent and affordable housing with people who are living in inadequate housing and who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means.

4) Habitat for Humanity selects homeowner families according to criteria that do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or ethnic background. All homeowners contribute "sweat equity;" they work as partners with the affiliate and other volunteers to accomplish Habitat's mission, both locally and worldwide.

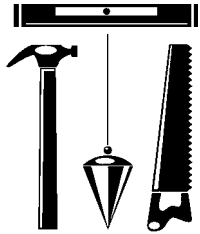
5) Habitat for Humanity sells houses to selected families with no profit or interest added. House payments are then used for the construction or renovation of additional affordable housing.

6) Habitat for Humanity is a global partnership. In recognition of and commitment to that global partnership, each affiliate is expected to contribute at least 10 percent of its cash contributions to Habitat's international work. Funds specifically designated by a donor for local work only may be excluded from the tithe.

7) Habitat for Humanity welcomes partnership with governments that includes accepted funds to help set the stage for the construction of houses, provided it does not limit our ability to proclaim our Christian witness, and further provided that affiliates do not become dependent on or controlled by government funds thus obtained. Setting the stage is interpreted to include land, houses for rehabilitation, infrastructure for streets, utilities and administrative expenses. Funding from third parties who accept government funds with sole discretion of their use shall not be considered as government funds for Habitat purposes.

## Habitat Affiliates

Habitat affiliates are independent, nonprofit [501(c) (3)] organizations that are organized by local citizens and operate with local boards and local volunteers. The local affiliates began to organize in 1993. There are more than 1,300 U.S. affiliates spread among all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers provide most of the labor, and faithful individual and corporate donors provide the money and materials to build Habitat houses.



## Nevada Area Affiliate

The Board of Directors of the Nevada Affiliate is a active group of local volunteers. This group has overseen the completion of nine projects since forming in 1993. They raise funds for these projects through donations, a monthly baked potato dinner and the annual rummage sale. The Nevada Area Affiliate has been honored recently by the Chamber of Commerce with the Community Improvement PRIDE award.

## Get Involved

### *Volunteering:*

Habitat needs volunteers.....

- ☞ to serve on committees - including fundraising, publicity, construction, family nurture and family selection.
- ☞ to work on construction - both skilled and unskilled.
- ☞ to help with providing food to the construction crews.
- ☞ to help with fundraising activities - including but not limited to the monthly fund raising luncheon at the City-County Community Center and the fall rummage sale at the United Methodist Church.

### *Donations:*

Donations can be mailed to.....

Habitat for Humanity  
P.O. Box 170  
Nevada, MO 64772

## On The Web

Habitat for Humanity International  
[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

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