



About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization that works in nearly 1,400 communities across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. It started in 1976 with a group of people who wanted to help those in need of adequate shelter by helping them to build decent and affordable homes by working side-by-side with volunteers (to keep costs low). Today, Habitat has helped 9.8 million people achieve strength, stability and independence through safe, decent and affordable shelter.

About Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County

Since its founding in 1995, HFHOC has helped over 855 individuals and families gain access to safe and affordable housing and improve their overall financial health. We have worked in over a dozen communities in Oakland County. Our reach stretches from Clarkston to Pontiac, and more recently Southfield. We provide affordable homeownership opportunities for families making 50-80% the area median income.

We know that stable, affordable living conditions lead to improved health, stronger childhood development, and the ability to plan for the future. In today's complicated world, a place to call home is more important than ever.

Every Child, Every Family, Everyone ... deserves a decent place to live.

Strong and stable homes build strong and stable communities.

Habitat Oakland Programs

Affordable Housing

Habitat builds or renovates homes that are then sold to partner homebuyers with an affordable mortgage. Habitat involves contractors, volunteers and philanthropic partners to complete each home. Homeowner partners must demonstrate need, be able to pay an affordable mortgage and dedicate 300 hours of sweat equity to the affiliate.

Community Development

Habitat works with municipalities to revitalize, stabilize and improve their neighborhoods. In these partnerships, Habitat acts as the developer and rehabs tax foreclosed homes that were slated for demolition or rehabilitation.

Neighborhood Revitalization

In an effort to help preserve affordable housing stock and ensure that homeowners reside in safe housing, Habitat stages neighborhood revitalization projects. In 2019, we held four *Rock the Block* events, where over 280 volunteers repaired porches, installed fences, cleaned gutters, painted and replaced cracked concrete in four neighborhoods in Pontiac and Southfield.

Habitat University

Habitat University provides one-on-one personalized financial coaching for individuals who are looking to purchase a home or improve their overall financial health. Through Habitat University, individuals improve their credit score, reduce their debt, increase their savings and become members of the financial mainstream.

ReStore

Habitat ReStores are home improvement outlets and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, cabinets, paint, and other renovation items to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Located in Waterford and Farmington Hills, all proceeds from the stores fuel Habitat's mission of building homes, communities and hope in Oakland County.

Volunteers

None of the work described above would be possible without the tremendous support of volunteers. Volunteerism is a way for individuals to give back to their communities, organizations to provide employee engagement, and help build communities of neighbors and friends.