

Who we are:

We are a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing organization. Partner families (or individuals) work with us to help build and buy their own homes.

Our Mission:

The mission of Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County is to develop our communities by building and renovating homes in partnership with God and people from all walks of life so that every person may experience God's love.

Our Vision:

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International, believes decent, affordable housing is a basic human right. Therefore, we seek to eliminate inadequate housing from our service area and from the world.

Our Core Values:

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County believes:

- Every family has the right to a decent home.
- A decent home is an important ingredient for building strong families.
- Strong families are the backbone of thriving neighborhoods.
- Thriving neighborhoods are the cornerstone of caring communities.



Do You Qualify?

Ask Yourself These 3 Questions:

1. Do You Have NEED?
2. Do You Have the ABILITY TO PAY?
3. Are You WILLING TO PARTNER WITH US?

If you have lived or worked in Douglas County for at least one year, your present housing is not adequate and you are unable to obtain adequate housing through other means you may qualify based on need.



The selection of families who purchase homes from HFHDC will be done by the Family Selection Committee in a way that does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, handicap, religion, marital status, or because all or part of the applicant's income is derived from public assistance.

Habitat for Humanity does NOT give away homes. We provide a hand up to families in need of a safe, decent and affordable home.

Are you in need of a safe, decent and affordable home?

We may be able to help!



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Family Selection Criteria

Building hope, homes and community in Douglas County since 1997.

Visit www.hfhdouglascounty.org or call 320-762-4255 for an application or more information.

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Homeowner families are selected according to established criteria:

- need for housing
- ability to pay
- and ability to partner with Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build or renovate decent, affordable housing. Partner families purchase the homes from Habitat with no-profit mortgages. Volunteers provide most of the labor. Tax deductible donations of money, land and materials are provided by individuals, organizations, churches, foundations and businesses.

Any Habitat Partner Family will tell you that it is hard work, but the benefits are endless!



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Are you in need of safe, decent and affordable housing?

- Are you unable to get a loan to purchase a home?
- Do you have insufficient bedrooms to meet your family's needs?
- Is your home inaccessible to physically challenged or elderly family members?
- Do you have problems with heating, plumbing, electrical or other health or safety issues in your current home?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you may be a candidate for a Habitat for Humanity home.



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INCOME GUIDELINES:

The income range is \$21,250 to \$48,550, depending on the size of family.

These guidelines are currently effective, and Habitat reserves the right to adjust these guidelines at any time.

Do you have the ability to pay?

Partner families must demonstrate the ability to pay monthly mortgage payments. The mortgage payment also includes property tax and insurance and ranges between \$600 and \$750 per month for the first year.

Your employment history, credit history and ability to make monthly mortgage payments will be considered. HFHDC does not require a down payment for a Habitat home. However, any outstanding judgments, collections and liens will need to be satisfied before you can become a Habitat homeowner.

Are you willing to partner with us?

If approved for a Habitat home, you must be willing to:

- Provide 200 hours of "sweat equity" for each adult family member 18 years of age and older. Sweat equity refers to actual hands-on experience. 100 hours must be done in construction activities. You will work alongside Habitat volunteers in building your home and the homes of others and help with other Habitat events and activities.
- Participate in Habitat's training and educational programs.
- Accept the responsibility of owning your own home, making monthly mortgage payments on time and keeping the home and yard well-maintained.

If approved, you will be partnered with a family mentor, who will work with you during the construction of your home and the relationship will continue for the year following the purchase of your home.