Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that works both to eliminate poverty housing and make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. We welcome to the table partners from all backgrounds who are willing to help families in need achieve their dreams of homeownership.

WHAT WE DO
We provide a variety of programs to help low-income families become successful homeowners and improve communities. The benefits of homeownership have a significant impact not only to the families who purchase the homes, but also to the community as a whole. We have three core programs to address the housing issues in Omaha’s lowest-income neighborhoods:

Our HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM gives low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing the opportunity of homeownership. Our Family Partners are financially committed to the program and complete up to 350 hours of Sweat Equity before purchasing their homes. Sweat Equity involves working on the construction site as well as attending a series of classes related to financial stability, home maintenance and repairs. The goal is to create successful homeowners in the community. Every Habitat Homeowner pays 100% of the appraised value of their home through a no-interest Habitat loan and each monthly payment is used toward the construction of the next Habitat home. This program is our foundation, and since 1984, we have helped more than 400 families become homeowners.

Our ROOF AND REPAIR PROGRAM, founded in 2009, was established to answer the need to save owner-occupied properties in low-income neighborhoods. The program is two-fold: it offers no-interest loans (up to $15,000) for roofs and exterior repairs, and allows families to remain in their homes while saving the fabric of the neighborhoods.

PROJECT DEMOLITION! is an initiative that allows us to demolish condemned and abandoned houses, which are devastating to neighborhoods. The program’s focus area is in east Omaha where an overwhelming number of blighted structures exist.

WHERE WE SERVE
We continue to address housing needs in impoverished areas of Northeast and Southeast Omaha and Washington County. Our Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative efforts are focused in these four neighborhoods: Deer Park, located in South Omaha, as well as Kountze Park, Pleasantview and OIC in North Omaha.

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Does hope have a color?

From every coat of paint, to every mosaic of tile, stain of wood and room illuminated by light, we’re adding color where it once was gray.

Every foundation poured, frame constructed and shingle fastened, we’re creating new hope for neighborhoods and opening new doors for families. It’s been a good year recruiting new homebuilders—and creating new homeowners—of all creeds.

And all colors.

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.
We helped Alexander find his blue heaven. Young Alexander loves the color blue: from big blue skies, to his favorite baseball team and most recently, the color of the front door to his new home that he picked out.

Before Alexander and his family moved into their new Habitat Omaha house, they lived in a trailer home that was poorly built. When those blue skies turned dark and gray, he was terrified. Terrified that a tornado might rip through and they would have nowhere to go, that hail could break through the windows or rain could leak in at any moment.

Now safe and secure in their new home, Alexander isn’t afraid of storms or dark skies. And his favorite color is still blue.

“Sometimes I can’t wait to get home from school: to see my family, my new room and my new friends who live in my neighborhood. It’s awesome to be in a real house.”
Isn’t she pretty in pink.

Tianna always wanted her own room. And just like many little girls, she wanted it to be pink.

She dreamed of her own space and all of the fun things she would do, like practice her dance moves and play with her sisters.

Aware of this dream, Habitat Omaha not only built a new home in partnership with Tianna’s family, but also made her dream bedroom a reality—from pink blankets and pillows, to pink carpeting, to pink paint on the walls.

Needless to say, she was thrilled.

“Isn’t she pretty in pink.”

The color pink always makes me happy.

Pink clothes, pink dancing slippers, but most of all, I love my new pink bedroom.

I was so grateful that I gave my mom a photo of us from the day we moved in—in a pink frame, of course.

“Tickled Pink”

The color pink always makes me happy.

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Everything they touch turns to gold.

Every year a Habitat home is built by a crew of all women who prove that “craftsmanship” is not a gender-specific term.

Ro, Norm and Mona are in it from the beginning: from planning the blueprints, to hammering the nails, to growing the green grass, to putting in extra hours on the job to make a house feel more like home.

The houses they build have plenty of closet space and usually a “special touch” that completes the kitchen.

Over the years they’ve trained hundreds of women how to do construction. Their best advice to volunteers: “Don’t be afraid of power tools.”

These girls can outwork anyone who shows up on the build site, including any man.

GOLDEN GIRLS

“We try to bring a warm heart and steel resolve to every project we work on. After all, we don’t just want to build a house. We want to build a home.”
Her green revolution, inspired by Habitat.

Jessica, an interior designer and self-proclaimed “Goddess of Green” loves a good deal and often finds one at Omaha’s Habitat ReStore. And that’s just one of her tactics in her hunt for extraordinary treasures to adorn her homes.

A can of spray paint is often her magic wand as she makes gold light fixtures look like trendy wrought iron, or converts old stair spindles into chic candle holders that look like they leapt from the pages of a Pottery Barn catalog.

Jessica’s creative ideas for green projects not only look great, but they leave more “green” in her pockets. And that’s why she’s a frequent patron at the Habitat ReStores.

Who says the grass is greener on the other side?

“I love incorporating green materials, green energy and green savings into my projects.”
We focus on the end goal like it’s a big red bullseye. When you get Habitat Omaha volunteers working together, there’s no stopping us.

Habitat Omaha volunteers are on fire to serve.

Some show up to learn a new skill while others sign up to hang with friends. Some will help tear down walls while another crew will help build new ones. Some crews will hang the drywall while another volunteer team will paint it.

Together they sacrifice their time because all they really want is to make a difference.

Whether it’s cold enough to see your breath or hot enough to fry an egg, Habitat Omaha volunteers are Red Hot because they do whatever it takes to get the house built.
Dear Habitat Friends,

Color is everywhere... brilliant hues that transform moods, perceptions and views. At Habitat Omaha we embrace color and transformation. We strive to change views and perceptions about hardworking families, our community, and the ability to impact poverty housing.

From Feeling Blue to being Tickled Pink, Habitat Omaha brightened the lives of 159 families in 2013 through the construction of new and renovated homes, critical repairs and minor repair and beautification projects. Neighborhoods were transformed as we demolished 39 condemned houses to make way for new homes in the future. This certainly could not have been done without you and our more than 9,000 Red Hot volunteers!

It’s because of YOU that Habitat Omaha is able to continue to serve so many. It doesn’t matter what color you are, or the color of who you are helping. Really, it comes down to one thing: people helping people.

Thank you for your support and generosity as we work to brighten more lives and neighborhoods in 2014!

Amanda Brewer
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