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Habitat for Humanity of Omaha's Emergency Home Repair Program provides homeowners with fast, affordable furnace replacement and repairs

Omaha, NE (February 13, 2020) – As temperatures drop this cold winter season, furnace failures can become emergencies for homeowners who can't afford to make urgent repairs on their own. Homeowners in need of furnace replacement or repairs can reach out to Habitat for Humanity of Omaha for help.

Through Habitat Omaha's Emergency Home Repair Program, the nonprofit partners with homeowners in need of urgent repairs, including mechanical failure of a furnace. Qualified households receive a no-interest loan to help address health and safety concerns in their homes.

"A large population of homeowners in Omaha cannot afford to replace their furnace," said Danyelle Baratta, Habitat Omaha Home Improvement Programs manager. "No one should have to live without heat during this time of year."

Through this program, a furnace can be replaced within 48 hours of submitting a qualifying application. Any homeowner experiencing problems with their furnace is encouraged to apply.

To apply and learn more about qualification, call Habitat Omaha at 402-457-5657 or visit [habitatomaha.org/programs/home-repair](https://www.habitatomaha.org/programs/home-repair).

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About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is a grassroots organization that builds and renovates houses, forges community partnerships and breaks down barriers. We develop vacant lots and eliminate abandoned homes in blighted areas of North and South Omaha while improving the overall appearance of our community. Habitat Omaha homebuyers are required to complete up to 350 hours of sweat equity before purchasing their homes through 20-to-30-year affordable mortgages. Since 1984, Habitat Omaha has partnered with more than 1,600 families; this year we will impact the lives of more than 200 families in the Omaha area.

In 2020, Habitat Omaha will build or renovate 50 homes and complete more than 150 home repair or improvement projects. For more information, visit [habitatomaha.org](https://www.habitatomaha.org).