

## Why Habitat for Humanity of Omaha?

Habitat Omaha builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. When quality, affordable housing is out of reach for so many, it creates instability in our communities, weakens our economy, and impacts our health and wellbeing. Through safe, affordable homeownership families can provide stability for their children, improve their health and security, and increase educational and job prospects. By partnering with Habitat Omaha, you are part of this change.



"I think God wants us to give back. I have certainly been very blessed and therefore I want to pay that back to other people. Habitat has always been my favorite nonprofit by far simply because of the skin in the game. Everybody that is involved in getting a house has an awful lot of skin in the game by actually purchasing it through their loan and doing a lot of sweat equity."

- Larry Hinrichs, Faith Volunteer

#### The Need for Safe, Affordable Housing

According to The Landscape data project powered by the Omaha Community Foundation, nearly 1 in 2 renters in Omaha report spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs, with nearly 1 in 4 renters paying more than 50% of their monthly income toward rent.

Substandard housing conditions impact 3 out of every 4 people living in poverty in Omaha and include issues like overcrowding, no heat, plumbing inefficiencies, or safety hazards such as lead, mold and pests.

## **Putting Faith Into Action**

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is a Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Douglas, Washington, and Burt Counties. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong, stable communities, and can help families break the cycle of poverty.

Habitat Omaha relies on community groups, corporate partners and faith congregations who support our work through gifts of time, talent and treasure. We welcome support from people of all faiths (or no faith) who actively embrace our affordable housing mission.

As our faith partner, you will also be a crucial ambassador for Habitat Omaha's work, sharing the mission with your fellow parishioners and referring individuals who may benefit from our Homeownership or Home Repair Programs.

"Although I may not have all of the technical skills that are required to build a home, the things I can bring are my willingness to serve, my openness to learning about those skills, and being reminded that this is a team effort – this is a community doing this effort. You don't have to be an expert, you just have to be willing."

- Pastor Rebecca Hjelle, Faith Volunteer



#### **Faith Coalitions**

Each faith congregation that financially supports at any level is part of a coalition. Together, coalition partners fundraise and build/renovate a Habitat Omaha home each year. Habitat Omaha's three faith coalitions — ELF, Faithful Builders, and Faith House — will help build three new homes and renovate one more in the Omaha area this year.

# **Partnership Benefits**

We ask that our coalition partners make a financial contribution to help purchase building materials (the average cost is \$150,000 per house). Volunteering, while highly encouraged, is not a requirement to be a coalition partner.

Sponsorship Level*	Guiding Light \$10,000+	Servant Leader \$5,000-\$9,999	Loving Neighbor \$1,000-\$4,999	Faithful Follower \$1-\$999
Engagement Opportunities				
Recognition in Habitat Omaha's Email Newsletter				
Recognition on Habitat Omaha's Social Media				
Speaking Engagement from Habitat Omaha Staff Member or Homeowner				
Receive Progress Updates				
Meet & Greet with Homeowner				
Provide In-kind Materials or Labor				
Volunteer at Habitat ReStore (Age 14+)				
Priority Access to Construction Volunteer Slots on Coalition House (Age 16+)				
Share in Fellowship with Other Parishioners				

<sup>\*</sup>Cumulative cash and in-kind value per year

