

Habitat Omaha Facts

Building community through homeownership.

- Incorporated in the state of Nebraska in 1984
- Is a non-profit Christian housing organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing
- Completes construction of new homes and rehabilitates existing houses
- Will complete 31 new or renovated homes in Omaha in 2011
- Completed 22 homes in 2008, 25 homes in 2009 and 26 homes in 2010
- Serves families whose incomes are 25-50% of the median in the Omaha area
- For purchase, homeowners must work 350 hours and make a \$500 down payment
- Prepares buyers for homeownership through required training sessions
- Sells homes to buyers providing no-interest loans 20-30 years in length
- Collects monthly mortgage payments from buyers that are typically between \$400 and \$600 (includes taxes and insurance)
- Uses the cash flow from mortgages to pay administration costs
- Relies on volunteers for much of the construction and renovation
- Employs 33 full and part-time staff members along with AmeriCorps*National service members
- Habitat Omaha homeowners paid more than \$266,000 to Douglas County in property taxes in 2010
- Total valuation of Habitat Omaha homeowner properties is more than \$13.5 million
- The Roof and Repair Program helps low-income homeowners living east of 72nd Street maintain the exterior of their homes by issuing no-interest loans and coordinating contractor work
- Operates a ReStore--a home improvement outlet that sells new and used donated materials at greatly reduced prices
- Used 89% of its budget for program expenses in 2010, because of Habitat Omaha ReStore sales and homeowner payments, 100% of donor dollars were applied to program expenses
- Donations of land, houses, funds and building materials are needed



Trained staff supervise home construction, with volunteers and partner families contributing most of the labor. (Photo: James Nedresky)



Habitat Omaha homes are modestly sized.

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