
Legacy Project

Habitat for Humanity

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Habitat for Humanity

- Located at 422 N Vermilion St, Danville, IL 61832
 - Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10AM - 5PM
 - Phone: (217) 442-0004
 - Website: <https://habitatdanville.org/>
- Taylor Enos is the manager of Habitat's ReStore
 - She has been employed for 3 years and manager for 1 year.
 - High school and some DACC classes
- This is Donnis→
 - He is the mascot of the Danville HFH
 - Donnis met his owner at the HFH and they have visited once a week since





Jonathan Reckford – CEO

The Leaders of Habitat for Humanity



Ed Anderson – Chief
Administrative Officer



Mary Cameron – Chair



Patrick Canagasingham –
Chief Operating Officer

The History of Habitat for Humanity



Millard and Linda Fuller developed the first habitat for humanity called “partnership housing” in early 1970. This concept led the couple to build shelters alongside volunteers. The new homeowners would pay a no-interest house payment to the couple. The money collected from the homeowners payments is recycled into making the next shelter.

In 1973, the Fullers took this concept and the funds and traveled to the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 1976, the couple returned to the U.S. and founded The Habitat for Humanity International.

Demographics

- Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity has helped repair and build more than 600,000 homes, in the end sheltering over 3 million people Internationally.
- There are more than 1,300 affiliates spread among all 50 states and locations in 53 other nations.
- Habitat for Humanity is funded by donations, volunteers, affiliates, tithes, and Habitat for humanity homeowners who pay an affordable mortgage back to the organization.

Mission, Philosophy, and Purpose

- Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action and brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.
- Habitat for Humanity is built on the belief that everyone should have decent place to live.
- Habitat for Humanity's purpose is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, provide shelter, advocate for affordable housing, promote dignity and hope, and support sustainable and transformative development.

Services Offered by Habitat for Humanity



- Home Construction
 - Home improvement for the elderly
 - Neighborhood revitalization
 - Cost of Home campaign
 - Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter
 - Advancing Black Homeownership
 - Disaster Response
 - Financial Education
 - Tithe Program
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Employment

Habitat for Humanity employs an average of 3,320 people as the organization relies heavily on volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity utilizes over 2 million volunteers globally.



Location Logistics

- Habitat for Humanity is a long-term service utilized by people in need of shelter.
- Habitat for Humanity also advocates for better housing access which an individual may be benefitting from without knowledge.
- The Danville facility is tidy, effective, and professionally run. Given that there were used things, several of the donations were dusty.
- All of the staff the students interacted with were very nice and welcoming.
- The location is safe, secure, easy to find with a large parking lot. The location also offers public transportation nearby.

Population Served

- Habitat for Humanity selects each family based on if they meet the following criteria: The need for better housing, their willingness to partner with HfH and work alongside volunteers, and their ability to pay an affordable mortgage.
- Habitat for Humanity serves any individual who meets the above criteria as well as having an income that is below 60% of the area median income.
- Annually, Habitat for Humanity helps more than 7.1 million people.

Required Costs

- The Homeowners must first pay in “Sweat Equity”
 - This is essentially the future homeowner putting in the hands-on work.
 - The future homeowners must help demolish and build houses
- The Homeowners must pay an affordable mortgage
 - Mortgages do not exceed 30% of the owners income
 - The money collected from mortgages gets recycled and builds more homes in the community
- The Homeowners must tithe 10% of their income to Habitat for Humanity.

Ways to help and improve Habitat for Humanity

Anyone can help Habitat for Humanity's mission by:

- Donating to local Restores
- Donating money to the direct organization
- Volunteering at their local Restore
- Volunteering at their local build site
- Shopping at their local Restore



Serving the Organization

The impact on nursing

- Those who do not have housing are also less likely to seek healthcare
- People who cannot afford housing are also not able to afford healthcare costs
- Many healthcare professionals give substandard care to the poor or homeless which worsens the individual's health.

What did we do?

- Organized and faced shelves
- Put donations out on the shelves to be sold
- Interacted and directed customers



Get Involved

The community can support the Habitat for Humanity's mission by getting involved. Donations of money, time, and resources are beneficial to this organization. Community members can call and request to meet with the manager, Taylor, who makes giving and volunteering efficient and simple. Before starting, volunteers would need to fill out some basic paperwork. Taylor also assists those who want to volunteer by building or demolishing.



Looking Towards the Future

Needs of the organization

Habitat for Humanity depends on financial donations to fund their work.

Many local businesses donate brand new equipment to the organization that is used in the production of houses, which saves hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Habitat ReStores are neighborhood home renovation retailers that offer the general public reusable, inexpensive, and surplus building supplies, furniture, and appliances.

To donate materials or make vehicle donations [visit our In Kind Donations page.](#)

Needs of the recipients

The needs of Habitat for Humanity's recipients vary from housing, financial, education, and innovation.

The Habitat for Humanity Restore purchasers are in need of household items for a reduced price.

Recipients are in need of affordable housing globally.

Future goals and the Direction of Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity strives to create a world in which everyone is safe and has a good place to live.

Currently Habitat for Humanity is advocating for affordable housing for all.

This year the Habitat for Humanity is hoping to sell \$600,000 worth of items.

Most recently, the Habitat for Humanity leaders have met with World leaders and proclaimed a goal to end poverty by 2030.

In 2024, Habitat for Humanity hopes to launch an advocacy campaign titled "Solid Ground". Solid Ground is a declaration that the lack of decent housing for all is morally and socially unacceptable.



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