



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

**and the Catholic Daughters
of the Americas**

Building A Better World Together!

A LITTLE HISTORY

- ▶ The Catholic Daughters in partnership with Habitat for Humanity work to build simple, decent, affordable homes for economically disadvantaged people so they can have a better environment in which to raise their families. We provide the finances for the house and also help "hands on" to build these homes.
- ▶ We, as Catholic Daughters, may leave the site of the build bumped, bruised, and tired but it is very rewarding for all involved.
- ▶ CDA was one of the first women's organizations to complete a house in Habitat's seven day "Blitz Build."



MISSION, VISION, PRINCIPLES

Our Mission

- ▶ Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our Vision

- ▶ A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Principles

- ▶ Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Focus on shelter.
- ▶ Advocate for affordable housing.
- ▶ Promote dignity and hope.
- ▶ Support sustainable and transformative development.



WHO IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY?

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families. Through our Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing.



NON-PROSELYTIZING POLICY

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity and its affiliate organizations will not proselytize.
- ▶ Nor will Habitat work with entities or individuals who insist on proselytizing as part of their work with Habitat.
- ▶ This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must adhere to or convert to a particular faith or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.



A NATIONAL PROJECT

- ▶ Habitat for Humanity is one of our National Projects. With time at sort of a standstill, we hope your Court is doing whatever they can to help the National Projects, which in turn helps Habitat for Humanity.
- ▶ Are you ready to build? We'd love to partner with you! Give us a call.



FULFILLS OUR CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- ▶ Building a home for a needy and deserving family, helps to fulfill our Corporal Works of Mercy. God is in charge, and he needs our muscle and prayers. The excitement and energy comes knowing that you are helping someone to own a home they may not have been able to afford on their own. Each member of the family has to work many hours helping with another build before they are selected as the next recipient. Then they must also work helping to build their own home with all the volunteers. They will have a mortgage on their home, interest free.

The
Corporal
Works
of Mercy



THE PLANNING PROCESS




- ▶ How does the state start to plan?
 - ▶ Visit the habitat website for your state.
 - ▶ Then contact those in the area you are interested in building.
 - ▶ Find out the cost to build a home.
 - ▶ Then ensure the affiliate is willing to partner with you.
 - ▶ Raising the funds for a Habitat build, and then working together to build it, whether through hammering, painting, feeding the workers, or being prayer warriors, is a wonderful way to bring your State together for the need of others.
 - ▶ **If your state hasn't built a Habitat House before, please consider doing so.**
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APPLICATION PROCESS

- ▶ Get a new application from National
- ▶ Fill completely and attach a letter from the State Regent stating how the Courts will be involved.
- ▶ Send to the National Habitat Chairman.



Habitat for Humanity Application for National Funding



Date _____ Name of State _____

Name and Number of Court _____

Address _____

Regent's Name _____ Phone _____

Location of the build _____

Time frame for the project _____

Estimated cost of the home or rehab _____

Funds on hand for the project _____

Funds still to be raised _____


Funds requested from National _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone number if different from above _____

Directions: Please attach this application to a letter signed by the State Regent. In the letter, please describe how the courts of the state will be involved in the build. Send the letter and application form to:

Dawn Fortenberry, National Habitat Chairman
44475 Daniel Guidry Road
St. Amant, LA 70774
Dawnie55@eatel.net
(225) 324-8610





HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A BUILD

In order to qualify to build a National Habitat House, a state must:

- ▶ Must have contacted the Habitat Affiliates in their state and have a cost estimate of the house.
- ▶ Have a plan to show how the State will fund the house.
- ▶ Between National and State, a state must have enough money to build the house.
- ▶ National will contribute up to \$20,000 for the build.
- ▶ Send an email, letter or call the National Habitat Chair, with the location, cost and year of build.



THE SELECTION PROCESS

If more than one state asks to build in the same year, priority will be given using the following guidelines.

- ▶ If a disaster has occurred in the state and the state wants to rebuild someone's home, this is first priority.
- ▶ Any state who has not built a Habitat Home before will be given next priority.
- ▶ States that are building a second or third home, would be given priority according to the number of their build.
- ▶ If everything else is equal, the state contacting National first, would get priority next.



SCHEDULE FOR DISTRIBUTING CHECKS TO HABITAT AFFILIATE

- ▶ The check will be given to Habitat Affiliate when the house is two-thirds complete.
- ▶ It will be the responsibility of the State Habitat Chairman to notify the National Chairman when the house is two-thirds complete.
- ▶ Give the name and address of the person at the Affiliate to whom the check should be sent.
- ▶ The check will be made out to the affiliate.



WE NEED YOU!

- ▶ We are looking for a State to co-sponsor a new build with National. Has your state been thinking about this endeavor? Once you have raised enough funds and are ready, National is ready to help. If you are working on a Habitat build or planning one please contact me at dawnie55@eatel.net. We would be more than happy to help you start!

