



Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity

OUR MISSION:

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

WHO WE ARE:

No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to feel strength and stability day after day. We deserve to know we have the power to take care of ourselves and build our own futures. At Habitat for Humanity, this is what unites us. We empower local families through affordable homeownership.

WHY WE ARE NEEDED:

A major barrier to breaking the cycle of poverty is homeownership. Owning a home is a significant means in helping provide a stable quality of life for low-income families and individuals. In our community many are paying more than they can afford for housing, not leaving enough for other necessities like good nutrition, health care, transportation, education or saving for the future. In Indiana, the average hourly wage necessary to afford a two-bedroom FMR unit is \$14.03; more than half of Hoosier renters (52%) cannot afford the fair market rate, according to an Indiana 211 Partnership Community Report.

Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity seeks to transform lives by partnering with families, individuals and our communities to create and preserve affordable housing solutions. The benefits of our program extend beyond housing to support both the community and homeowners' well-being.

HOW WE DO IT:

Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity partners with families and individuals for homeownership opportunities who meet three criteria: need, affordability, and willingness to partner. We rely on individuals, churches, corporations and foundations to provide the financial and in-kind resources necessary to fund our homeownership and repair programs. Annually, we work with 8,000+ volunteers who provide the labor to construct, rehab and repair the homes. Proceeds from our ReStores, home improvement thrift stores, support Habitat's mission locally. These partnerships allow Greater Indy Habitat to provide our homeowners the life-changing opportunity to build and buy their first home with an affordable, 0% interest mortgage.

Additional information can be found on our website: indyhabitat.org



Frequently Asked Questions about Habitat for Humanity:

Does Habitat for Humanity give the homes away?

No, Habitat homeowners have a 0% interest mortgage, pay modest closing costs and complete 300 hours of "sweat equity," including homeownership classes, construction on their home and the houses of other future Habitat homeowners. Families and individuals must meet three criteria to qualify for the program: need, affordability and willingness to partner.

Where does Greater Indy Habitat serve?

Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity serves Marion, Hendricks and Hancock Counties with homeownership and volunteer opportunities. The affiliate also operates the Habitat ReStores in Indianapolis, Greenfield and Avon.

What is the Habitat ReStore?

The ReStore is a home improvement thrift store that sells donated new and gently used items to the general public at a significant discount. Proceeds benefit the Habitat mission and keep good, useable home materials out of the landfill. Greater Indy Habitat operates three ReStore locations in Indianapolis, Greenfield and Avon and can pick up your donation. Learn more at indyrestore.com.

How many families does Habitat serve in Greater Indy?

Habitat provided homeownership opportunities to 21 families in Marion and Hendricks counties in 2016. Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity has provided homeownership for more than 545 families in our community and more than 325 homes in Central America.

Does a Habitat home in a neighborhood reduce property values?

Housing studies show affordable housing has no adverse effect on neighborhood property values. In fact, the recent social impact study done on the Habitat homeownership program shows that a home increases property value of surrounding homes.

Did former U.S. President Jimmy Carter found Habitat for Humanity?

The late Millard Fuller and his wife Linda started Habitat in 1976 in Americus, GA. President Carter and his wife Rosalynn have been longtime Habitat supporters and volunteers who help bring national attention to the organization's home-building work. Each year they lead the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project to help build homes and raise awareness of the need for affordable housing.