

## Habitat's Long Term Impact on Families

In a recent survey of our current habitat homeowners:

» 98% of homeowners report seeing positive changes in their life since partnering with Habitat;

» 88% of homeowners with school-aged children have reported an improvement in their children's grades;

» 59% of homeowners no longer receive government assistance.

## Our Vision for our Community

In 2006, we celebrated our 20 year anniversary, building 20 homes, and reaching our vision to become a "Community Builder." (Term for a Habitat affiliate that builds 20+ homes per year) HFHNCC plans to continue at this rate for the next several years; greatly impacting the number of families living in poverty housing, while making a substantial difference in our local community.

## How You Can Help

Consider a contribution to Habitat for Humanity. Your donation will help change the lives of hard-working low income families in New Castle County, while making a tangible difference in our community. Please visit our website for a secure online donation. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allotted by law.

» [www.habitatncc.org/donate](http://www.habitatncc.org/donate)

## Volunteer!

Volunteer your time and support our mission of building affordable housing with families in need. Current volunteer needs include skilled weekday volunteers for our construction sites, volunteers in our Habitat ReStore, and to serve on Family Selection & Family Support committees. Volunteers can sign up online through our online volunteer registration system, or call 302.652.0365 ext. 108.

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Building More Than Houses  
... Building Communities



## Our Mission

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County's unique approach to home construction helps low- to moderate income families break the cycle of poverty through the stability and empowerment of homeownership. Habitat gives these families a hand-up, restoring hope and dignity that poverty can strip away. Our mission is to build affordable housing, at no-profit through a combination of volunteer labor, 'sweat-equity' no-interest mortgages.

## How Habitat Works

Habitat selects families based on their level of need, willingness to partner with us, and ability to re-pay the mortgage. Once the house is completed & the homeowner completes their program requirements, Habitat then sells the house, at-cost (~\$120,000) to our homeowners; a 20-30 year, 0% mortgage.



## What Makes Habitat Different

Habitat offers 0% mortgage to selected homeowners who fulfill 225 hours of 'sweat equity,' complete a homeownership counseling program, and training program. Habitat recovers 100% of funds through homeowner mortgage payments to build future Habitat homes.

## Who Habitat Serves

We serve local families in the lowest income brackets (30% – 60% of median income (earning approximately \$24,000 – \$46,700 for a family of four) that are living in substandard housing conditions; 80% are single mothers.

## Local Statistics Demonstrate the Need

» Currently, over 7,300 families in New Castle County live in substandard conditions.

» 22% of rental households in Delaware live in conditions considered 'at-risk' (annual income less than \$20,000); this is one paycheck or one hardship away from losing shelter for their family.

» According to data collected by the Delaware Housing Coalition's 2005-2006 study "The Realities of Poverty," 10% of children in NCC ages 5-17 are living in poverty.

## Current Facts

» One of the top three affiliates from Delaware to Maine (of over 200 affiliates) in terms of housing production.

» Completed 159 homes since 1986; 21 to be completed in 2010.

» Have over 120 active community partnerships, engaging 3,700(+) volunteers on our construction sites per year.

» Dedicates \$.93 of every dollar toward building homes.

» Focus on rebuilding neighborhoods including the 11th Street Bridge area, Prices Run, Minquadale and E. Lake Street in Middletown; communities in need of recovery and revitalization.



Changing Lives



The Habitat ReStore is a reuse/recycle non-profit business venture supporting the community through the resale of new and gently used home improvement and renovation supplies. All income generated by the ReStore contributes to Habitat for Humanity's building of simple, decent homes with local families in need.

The Habitat ReStore specializes in the resale of overstocked, discontinued new and gently used merchandise, donated by manufacturers, stores, contractors and individuals. The ReStore merchandise includes: kitchen cabinets, appliances, windows, doors, paint, tile, furniture, and more for 50%-90% below retail prices.

The Habitat ReStore is also saving space in our local landfills by accepting items that would normally be discarded. Please contact the Habitat ReStore if you have items that you would like to donate. All donations must be screened before the ReStore can accept them; please call ahead. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allotted by law.

Habitat ReStore » [www.habitatncc.org/restore](http://www.habitatncc.org/restore)  
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