

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- Is unwilling to accept that millions of people must live without adequate shelter, therefore
- Works to eliminate poverty housing by building houses with families in need at no profit and no interest
- Does not require a faith but rather a willingness to use a hammer (actually or figuratively)
- Builds relationships and a sense of community as needy and affluent people work together in equal partnership
- Challenges individuals, churches, companies, foundations, and other organizations to join in partnership with the poor to change the conditions in which they live



P.O. Box 423
Atwater, Ca 95301-0423
(209) 726-0850



Web Address: www.hfhmerced.org

Email: info@hfhmerced.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OF MERCED COUNTY

“IF A RICH PERSON SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED, YET CLOSES HIS HEART AGAINST HIS BROTHER, HOW CAN HE CLAIM THAT HE LOVES GOD? MY CHILDREN, OUR LOVE SHOULD NOT BE JUST WORDS AND TALK; IT MUST BE TRUE LOVE, WHICH SHOWS ITSELF IN ACTION..”
1 JOHN 3:17-18

Tel: (209) 726-0850

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY...

...builds houses **with** families in need at no profit and no interest. It is an ecumenical grass-roots Christian ministry working to eliminate poverty housing so there will be no more shacks, no homeless people sleeping in cars or under bridges. Everybody will have, at least, a simple, decent place to live,

...is capital, not charity

Houses built using as much volunteer labor, donated materials as possible along with tax-deductible contributions.. Employing "biblical economics", houses are sold to a family in need (too poor to secure a bank loan) at no profit and no interest. The cost of a house is repaid over a fixed time period with payments being recycled in the "Fund for Humanity" to build more houses.

...is not a giveaway,

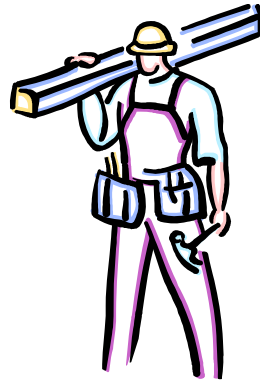


But a joint venture

The homeowners are required to invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the construction of their own new home and to help other prospective homeowners build their homes. This reduces the monetary cost of the house, increases the personal involvement of each family member in their home, and fosters the development of positive relationships.

...is people helping people

Each project attempts to transcend the boundaries of culture, status, and race through the sharing of a common goal. By working together as partners, the affluent and poor become aware of their common heritage as God's children.



...Selects partner

Families

Families for houses are chosen on the basis of need, willingness to become partners in the program and ability to repay the loan. All habitat projects adhere to a

non-discriminatory family selection policy where **neither race, color, religion, sex, handicap or familial status determines who receives a Habitat house.**

...welcomes all to help

Persons of any persuasion are encouraged and welcome to help.. Although Habitat for Humanity was founded upon Christian principles of working with the poor, persons of many faiths (or none) are involved.

"We may disagree on all sorts of things—baptism, communion, what night to have prayer meeting, and how the a preacher should dress. But, thank God, we can agree on a nail, and the use of a hammer as an instrument to manifest God's love."

Millard Fuller

Founder

Habitat for Humanity, International

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
OF MERCED COUNTY**

P.O. Box 423
Atwater, Ca 95301-0423
(209) 726-0850
E-mail: info@hfhmerced.org
Web Address: www.hfhmerced.org

