

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge became an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International in 1989 as an outgrowth of the Federation of Churches & Synagogues.

## History & Timeline

- 1989** The **1st Habitat home** was a rehab in the Zion City neighborhood of Baton Rouge.
- 2003** We built our **100th home** on Bartlett Street in Baton Rouge
- 2006** We built **46 homes** in response to Hurricane Katrina.
- 2013** We built our **300th home** in the Scotlandville neighborhood of Baton Rouge.
- 2016** We gutted **85 homes** and rebuilt **21 homes** in response to the flood of 2016.
- 2023** We have built or renovated **over 400 homes** in our **34 year history**.

We are proud to be in the top 3% of Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the U.S. for home construction!

## How Habitat Works

Habitat is not a handout but a "**hand up**." We offer low-income families the opportunity to purchase a simple, decent home at an affordable price.

Our criteria for acceptance as a partner family:

### Housing Need

The applicant's current home must be suffering from problems such as **low-quality, over-crowding or rent payments that are too large a percentage of the applicant's income**.

### Ability to repay the cost of the home

Our simple, decent homes are sold to our partner families for an **affordable, no-interest mortgage**. The applicant's income must be between **27%-80% of Median Family Income** for the parish in which they reside.

### Willingness to Partner

Habitat homeowners must contribute **255 hours of sweat equity** to the building of their home and the homes of other partner families. Homeowner must also attend first time homebuyer and financial literacy classes.

## Habitat Homes

- A typical Habitat home has **3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath**, and measures approx. **1,150 square feet**
- Habitat homes are built in partnership with churches, businesses, schools, and civic organizations in the Greater Baton Rouge community.
- Our standard schedule is to build a home, from slab to finish, over a period of **8-12 weeks**.
- Teams of volunteers come together to **frame, paint, landscape, install doors & windows, and build the home's walls** on Wednesdays and Saturdays.