

## What is *A Brush with Kindness*?

*A Brush with Kindness* is a nationwide effort through Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) to help low-income homeowners maintain the exterior of their homes. Groups of volunteers work alongside the homeowner to revitalize a home's exterior. *A Brush with Kindness* allows low-income homeowners to live independently by making home repairs affordable. Services provided to these homes include:

- Cleaning up the exterior of the home
- Scraping, priming, and painting the exterior of the home
- Repairing minor exterior problems
- Providing landscaping



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*A Brush with Kindness* has the same basic requirements for homeowner eligibility as HFHI, such as the homeowner's financial need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner with the program.

*A Brush with Kindness* is part of Habitat for Humanity International's broader community development strategy, known as the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. The goals of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative are to:

- Transform and strengthen communities
- Revitalize the appearance of neighborhoods
- Encourage connections within the community
- Preserve affordable housing

## How are families selected?

NCC-HFH will select a homeowner who has demonstrated financial need and a willingness to partner with the program. Although NCC-HFH has a set income level for selected families, this number is flexible. Homeowners with an existing mortgage must have no outstanding payments, and they must have up-to-date homeowner's insurance and taxes.

For more information about NCC Habitat for Humanity's selection process, please visit: [www.NCC-Habitat.com](http://www.NCC-Habitat.com)



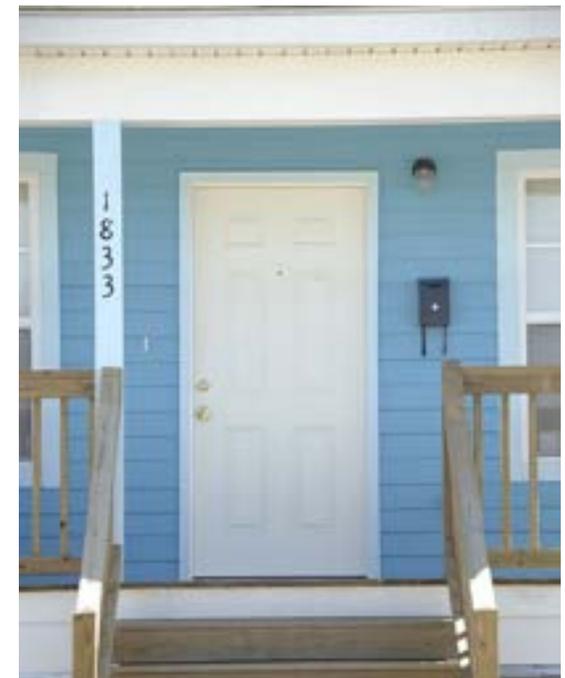
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## What does *A Brush with Kindness* do for the community?

North Collin County Habitat for Humanity (NCC-HFH), through *A Brush with Kindness*, will select two homes a year for exterior renovation. *A Brush with Kindness* renovates these homes by:

- Using a volunteer workforce
- Accepting donated materials
- Providing no-interest loans

In an effort to mobilize neighborhood volunteers, NCC-HFH will select homes in communities where the program is currently building or has already built homes.



## Why should I participate?

Through *A Brush with Kindness*, volunteers and sponsors positively impact the communities around them. The volunteers and sponsors develop relationships with community members, city and county officials, local businesses, neighborhood churches, community organizations, and local schools. *A Brush with Kindness* helps the community and the growth of Habitat for Humanity in the following ways:

- Increases the number of families living in safe, affordable housing
- Develops cooperative relationships within the community
- Increases the number of volunteer opportunities within the community
- Expands the base of volunteers
- Keeps current sponsors engaged by providing smaller projects

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