

North Collin County

Habitat for Humanity®

McKinney, Texas



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About Us



About Us

About North Collin County Habitat for Humanity

- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity has built sixty-four homes since 1992.
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity currently works in partnership with families to build ten to twelve homes per year.
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity affiliates build three to four bedroom homes with an average size of 1,250 sq. ft.
- Habitat homes with 3 bedrooms cost the homeowners \$70,000 and four bedroom homes cost \$75,000. The average cost of building a home is \$70,000.
- Habitat homes are built to local building codes using licensed electricians, foundation engineers, plumbers, and HVAC personnel.
- North Collin County Habitat for Humanity homes can be applied for at www.ncc-habitat.com.

About Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry seeking to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world.
- Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide, grassroots movement with a presence in nearly ninety countries.
- Habitat for Humanity's work is accomplished at the community level in the United States by more than 1,500 affiliates that are independent, locally run, nonprofit organizations.
- Habitat affiliates in the U.S. are asked to "tithe", which means giving ten percent of their contributions to fund house building work in other nations.
- Habitat for Humanity strives to make shelter a matter of conscience and action for all people.

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat affiliates take applications from families in need of decent shelter. The affiliate's selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to partner with Habitat, and their ability to repay the loan.
- Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. Mortgage length varies from seven to thirty years.
- Habitat homeowners are required to invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, or "sweat equity", into building their own home and other Habitat houses.
- Habitat for Humanity invites people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses in partnership with families in need.

Habitat for Humanity Figures

- Habitat for Humanity has worked in partnership with families since 1976 to build more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people with safe, decent, affordable shelter in more than 3,000 communities.
- Habitat is the 11th largest home builder in the United States (according to 2009 Builder Magazine).
- Habitat is the 14th largest nonprofit organization in the United States (according to the 2008 Chronicle of Philanthropy study).

Habitat is Helping Improve the Living Situation of a Partner Family Every Ten Minutes.

Our Core Values



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God's Love

We strive to transmit God's Love to others by our actions and our deeds. We build homes on faith.

Families

We work to create homes where selected families can make a better life together as a result of our efforts.

Enabling Those that Need Our Help

We strive to give families a hand-up, not a hand-out, knowing that our families can succeed with a little help from us.

Partnerships

We strive to build partnerships with all those that strive to build hope, lives, and dreams within North Collin County.

Relationships with Community

We strive to create and maintain positive and permanent relationships with all aspects of our community.

Quality Homes

We build simple, decent, affordable quality homes that our families are proud to call their own and that will serve the family for years into the future.

Help People Achieve Dreams with Dignity

Our families, staff, and volunteers work together to achieve the families' dream of home ownership. This results in a sense of pride and dignity for the family as they create their new home through the hard work of all those willing to help.

ReStore



ReStore

What is ReStore?

ReStore is a retail outlet open to the public and operated by Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout the United States and Canada. Most ReStores sell new and gently-used building and construction materials as well as furniture and home décor. There are currently 700 ReStores in the US and 200 in Canada with more opening weekly.

Where Does North Collin County Habitat for Humanity ReStore Acquire the Items It Sells?

Many of the items come from donors who are remodeling, reorganizing, or moving. Items are picked-up for free throughout the area by Habitat trucks, which means the stock changes almost daily.

Donors include contractors, remodelers and others who have access to building and construction materials.

North Collin County Habitat ReStore also receives donations from several area retailers which include closeouts, returned merchandise, one-of-a-kind and other new items.

ReStore purchases many new items in bulk, including cabinets, flooring, and other items which are also used in new Habitat for Humanity homes. These purchases help lower the cost of Habitat homes and allow us to sell new items to the public at reduced prices.

Are Donations Tax-Deductible?

Yes, a tax-deductible receipt is given when someone donates.

What Happens to the Profits Made by the ReStore?

All profits are used by North Collin County Habitat in the construction of new homes for eligible families in North Collin County as well as to defray operating costs for the organization.

ReStore's goal is to cover 100% of all affiliate operations, including salaries, supplies, etc., of North Collin County Habitat so that every dollar donated is used for building new housing.

How Can Someone Find Out About Sales and New Merchandise at the ReStore?

They can sign up for the weekly e-blast newsletter. It comes out every Friday and all sales and specials start the next Saturday at nine a.m. In addition to the specials, you can also find occasional discount coupons good for ReStore items.

Do Donations Help Keep the County Green?

Yes, the ReStore is dedicated to recycling used construction items and furniture and also re-mixes paint donations to produce interior and exterior primer sold at sharply reduced prices. In addition, the ReStore sells paint and stain close-outs and other difficult to recycle chemicals which have costly disposal fees.



Frequently Asked Questions



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How Do I Volunteer?

Come to an orientation meeting. The schedule is on the web site. www.ncc-habitat.com.

How Does the Family Get Chosen?

They apply directly with Habitat for Humanity at a Home Application Seminar, complete all requirements laid out by that organization, and agree to work at least 300 “sweat equity” hours with Habitat.

What Are the Financial Obligations of the Family?

Habitat finances the homes at zero percent interest over twenty years. The money paid on the note goes directly into a revolving fund to build more homes. The money paid by the sponsors/partner churches purchase some of the materials and supplies. Habitat relies on in-kind donations of materials, labor, and the generosity of partners to help build decent affordable homes in partnership with God’s people in need. Habitat tithes ten percent of unrestricted funds to build homes internationally. Currently, Habitat is building homes in Leon Guanajuato, Mexico; Egypt; Asia/Pacific – Tsunami; and South America/Caribbean.

Do I Need to Pay Anything to be Involved?

No, the only investment that is required is a gift of time. Please plan to attend the orientation meeting to serve as a volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity.

Do I Have to Have a Particular Skill?

No, Habitat is currently looking for electricians, plumbers, foundation, HVAC and dry wall professionals to lead teams; however, many “generalists” will be needed to complete the home.

What is the Schedule?

The work is done on Saturdays from eight to four p.m. and sometimes weekdays. Contact North Collin County Habitat for a custom built schedule.

Are Furnishings Included in the Build of the Home?

No.

Are Appliances Included in the Home?

Refrigerators and stoves are donated by Whirlpool. Items that are not standard for Habitat homes are dishwashers, garbage disposer's, washers, and dryers.

May I Help the Family Financially?

In several ways:

- If you would like to help with dishwashers or a garbage disposer, you may contact Habitat for Humanity. They would prefer to order from Whirlpool, a national Habitat partner, as there is a significant discount offered.
- If you would like to know what items are on the Habitat family's "wish list", it is coordinated through the Habitat Family Services department.

May I Give Money Directly to the Family?

The Habitat model is such that the families are qualified based on their ability to pay a modest mortgage payment. This payment includes taxes and insurance and it usually is less than \$600/month. The goal of Habitat is to provide a "Hand up, not a Hand out".

What is Habitat's Donation Policy?

All donated items will be directed to Family Services for the purpose of inventory and equitable distribution to insure that IRS laws governing donations to non-profit entities are not violated.

- **New Homeowners** – During builds in progress, items will be given in the order of the home completion. Consideration will be given to needs and items available.
- **Established Homeowners** – They will be considered if appliances, replacement type items, and other items are available.
- **Other dispositions** – Items not appropriate in either of the above categories will be used to benefit North Collin County Habitat for Humanity. All items specified for a particular family will not be receipted.
- **Gifts** – They should not exceed, for a specified family, more than \$1500 in value and/or cash.

May I Give "Gifts In-Kind"?

Anyone interested in donating subcontracting (electrical, plumbing, foundation and AC) contact Building Director at 972-542-5300.

Glossary

- affiliates** – organizations or groups that assist or are linked to Habitat for Humanity
- bulk** – a large number or amount of something
- closeouts** – type of sale
- décor** – decorations of a place or home
- defray** – to pay costs
- e-blast newsletter** – memo sent by North Collin County Habitat for Humanity that lists events and information
- ecumenical** – representing many different types of Christian churches
- equitable** – fair and impartial
- generalists** – people to do various different jobs that require no particular skill on a home building site
- grassroots** – starting with the people
- homeowners** – people qualified for Habitat for Humanity Homes
- Habitat homes** – houses built by Habitat for Humanity
- Habitat trucks** – trucks owned by North Collin County Habitat for Humanity
- hand-up/hand-out** – a way of saying Habitat for Humanity wants people to achieve their home and earn it rather than just giving it to the families
- Home Application Seminar** – where families learn about and apply for a Habitat home
- HVAC personnel** – heating, ventilation, and air conditioning personnel
- in-kind** – something of the same likeness
- nonprofit organization** – group or establishment that makes no money from its actions or services
- orientation meeting** – has information on how to volunteer and about Habitat for Humanity
- partner families** – homeowners and attributing families
- ReStore** – retail outlet open to the public and operated by Habitat for Humanity
- selection committee** – group that decides if a family is qualified to have a Habitat home
- sweat equity** – term to describe the work that the homeowners will do for Habitat for Humanity to earn their home
- tithe** – giving of money
- wish list** – items a family has requested that others can volunteer to give to them

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