

Building Better Tomorrows, Today!

Our Habitat for Humanity (HfH) affiliate builds low-income housing in North Los Angeles County. But our newest operating model -- affordable homes built in "Habitat Enriched Neighborhoods" -- is unique in the Habitat world.

We extend a hand up, not a hand-out. And we do it by helping families become self-sufficient, productive members of the community. These are hard-working people -- nurse aides, day-care workers and transportation workers -- who make about 50-60% of the wages of middle-income workers.

Their first commitment toward self-sufficiency is 500 hours of sweat equity -- far beyond the requirement of most HfH affiliates. Our families swing the hammers, paint the walls and pitch-in through a host of other activities, along with a cadre of volunteers.

This helps our families to step into lower-priced homes with interest-free loans, a key building block toward their future success. With the distinction of being among the 5% of Habitats worldwide to have built 100 homes, our HfH affiliate has not seen a loan default by any of our families.

The second commitment is for families to avail themselves of the social and educational services we uniquely bring into our neighborhoods. Services like health information, dental hygiene, teen empowerment, and children's programs, such as tutoring. Other programs provide skills in home ownership and repair, money management, computers, and more.

We're seeing amazing early results. Kids in our families are graduating high school and moving on to higher education, defying the dismal educational statistics from the broader community. And, amazingly, some of the adults are going back to school too!

Our large projects, unique among most Habitats, facilitate a model approach to building supportive neighborhoods and allow our families to build community. Add this affiliate's strong commitment to community sustainability, with home designs that are green and Energy Star-certified.

What we get are Habitat Enriched Neighborhoods...

A new kind of Habitat for a new generation.



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