



Quick Fact Sheet on Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity

What is Habitat for Humanity?

- ❖ A non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry
- ❖ Aims to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in Fort Bend County
- ❖ Builds simple decent housing with the help of the homeowner family
- ❖ **Our motto: "We offer a 'hand up', not a 'hand out'."**

Why Habitat in Fort Bend?

- ❖ 8.2% of Fort Bend's population is considered living below the poverty level
- ❖ 1,000 people in Fort Bend are homeless

What's been accomplished so far? (as of July 2011)

- ❖ Established February 1, 1992
- ❖ 58 homes built in Fort Bend County
- ❖ 65 homes built in Honduras and other countries
- ❖ Habitat Village (18 homes) completed in Rosenberg in June, 2009
- ❖ ReStore thrift shop opened in Stafford in April 2009 selling used building supplies
- ❖ Partnered with businesses, churches and schools to sponsor homes

How does Habitat work?

- ❖ A house is sponsored in partnership with an organization (business, school, or church)
- ❖ A qualifying family is selected for the home by the Family Selection Committee based on established criteria, which are: The family must show a need, have the ability to pay, and willingness to partner with us and the sponsor to work 300 hours of "sweat equity" in building their home and the homes of other selected families.
- ❖ The homes are typically built in 10 -12 consecutive Saturdays.
- ❖ The new homeowner receives a 0% interest mortgage over 20-30 years financed by Fort Bend Habitat.

How can I help?

- ❖ Financial support: Funds are needed to build more homes, purchase land, build infrastructure on property.
- ❖ Sponsorship: Each home needs a sponsor organization to partner with Fort Bend Habitat and a home owner.
- ❖ Volunteer support: Groups or individuals can help build homes, work in the ReStore, help with fund raising and marketing, assist with administrative support activities in the office, or work to select and mentor the families.

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