

## building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter

**Our Vision:** A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**Our Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Every family deserves a decent place to live. A place to make memories and mark milestones. For many families, this dream seems unachievable. Habitat for Humanity's proven model of responsibility, preparation, and affordable home ownership provides a hand up, not a handout.



### fast facts

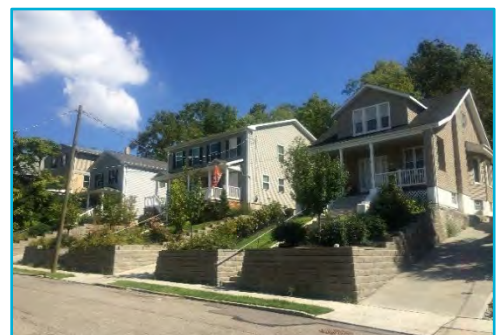
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati (HFHGC) serves a 9-county, three-state region.
- We have built 670+ homes in the Tri-state region since 1986.
- Critical Home Repair and Rock the Block programs broaden the impact in targeted neighborhoods.
- HFHGC has also helped build 1,000+ homes in Nepal, Cambodia, El Salvador, and Kenya through our global tithes.
- We partner with business, government, civic groups, faith communities, and individuals to ensure greater impact.

### why it matters

- 1 in 6 Americans pay more than half their income for housing. This unacceptable ratio causes families to sacrifice in other areas – nutrition, health, education, and more
- Research has shown a correlation between homeownership and increased wealth, with each year of homeownership tending to be associated with an additional \$9,500 in net wealth, on average.
- Children of low-income homeowners are 11% more likely to graduate from high school and are 4.5% more likely to complete post-secondary education than children of low-income renters.

### how it works

- Habitat builds/rehabs homes with volunteers and donations.
- **Homes are not given away** – they are sold to qualified low-income homebuyers with an affordable mortgage.
- Homebuyers put in 250-500 sweat equity hours and complete financial and homebuyer education classes before closing.
- Homes range from 1,100-1,200 sq ft, 3-4 BR, 1-1 ½ BA.
- Homes are built or rehabbed to Energy Star+ standards.
- HFHGC is led by an 18-member board of trustees from across our region and a mission-focused professional staff.



## why Habitat?

- Habitat partners with families to lower barriers to affordable homeownership and create opportunities for those who may not otherwise be able to own a home, enabling them to build net wealth through property value appreciation.
- Habitat offers families stability through shelter, which benefits children through consistency in schooling and minimized disruptions to their education. Habitat also partners with families to provide affordable housing that matches their needs and may reduce overcrowding, thus facilitating more conducive study environments.
- Habitat requires future homeowners who partner with Habitat to contribute “sweat equity” by volunteering a certain number of hours on a build site (either for their home or another family’s home). This investment by families in both their home and their neighbors’ homes helps contribute to the sense of community among homeowners.
- Pre-purchase support programs, such as financial education, also help build networks among Habitat homeowners, and volunteer engagement on builds and other Habitat events can strengthen relationships with the local community.
- Habitat engages families, volunteers and community members in civic decision-making through advocacy for policies and resources that help more people access a quality place to live in a thriving community.
- Habitat lowers the cost of homeownership and makes it easier for future homeowners to access quality housing. Thanks to their affordable mortgages, families who partner with Habitat can prioritize investing in their families’ health and wellness.
- Habitat’s repair programs offer homeowners the opportunity to affordably address acute housing problems and improve the quality of their homes. This is especially true for older homeowners and Veterans.



## supported by successful social enterprise

Administrative expenses are supported by income from local ReStore retail outlets. Open to the public, ReStores sell donated building and home supplies at discounted prices.



## how can you be a part of the Habitat mission?

- Make a financial gift to help give more families decent, affordable housing (visit [www.habitatcincinnati.org/donate](http://www.habitatcincinnati.org/donate)).
- Help us identify donated or low-cost real estate to help keep costs low.
- Volunteer on a build site or our ReStore locations – sign up on our website! (opportunities currently limited due to COVID-19)
- Refer a family you know to Habitat – they could be qualified to buy their first home!
- Become a Habitat partner with your company or congregation.
- Donate household goods or building materials or shop at a ReStore to generate income for the mission.



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# Building Stronger Communities One Family at a Time!



## SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND STABILITY

### W.E. SPEAKS

As a Place Matters community, West End residents and stakeholders have developed a quality of life plan for the future of the community. As lead agency in the process, Seven Hills supports residents, businesses, and stakeholders through surveys, conversations, planning meetings, newsletters and resources to determine priorities and strategies.

This plan is our roadmap to becoming a healthier, safer and economically stronger neighborhood. Our priority areas are: Business, Clean, Community, Youth and Education, Safety, Housing and Employment. Seven Hills continues to offer leadership and oversight with implementation and in areas of development.

### Community Development Corporation (CDC)

As the CDC of the West End, we are the lead agency for Place Matters. We facilitate community conversations, events and provide numerous housing resources. The findings from the 2019 Housing Study expresses that 44% of our unprotected residents are at risk of displacement. Our goal is to protect legacy residents through the Community Land Coop, development advocacy, eviction services, home restorations and homeownership.

## BASIC NEEDS

### Victims of Crime Advocates (VOCA)

We assist victims of violent crimes who need assistance with moving beyond victimization. We provide counseling and emotional support, court support, assist with compensation applications, VINE network registration, and other direct referrals.

Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) The TRC helps victims that have been through a life-threatening event or traumatic experience, which prevents them from moving forward with life. This service is available to all (mental health issues, LGBTQ, criminal record, homeless and marginalized).

### Sister Link Women's Group

Sister Link is an empowerment group for Women of the West End. Through this group women receive support, an outlet, and knowledge to help them overcome barriers and set personal goals to improve the quality of their lives. They meet every Wednesday and Childcare & meals are provided.

### Emergency Assistance

We distribute bread, produce and other food items daily. Those with greater needs may apply for emergency assistance. New and gently used clothes and toiletries are also available.

### Journey

Journey helps unemployed & under-employed adults to access employment, career training opportunities and parenting support to obtain gainful employment.

## ADVERSITY AND CHALLENGE

### Athletic Programs

Karate, basketball, and boxing are available year round to kids and adults. Cheerleading, and baseball are seasonal. Most programs are available for youth ages 5 to 15 years.

### After School Program

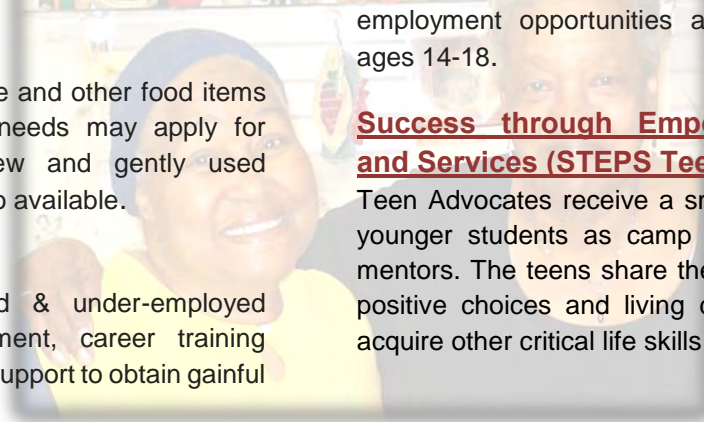
Five days a week, students receive snacks, homework assistance, and participate in recreational activities. The focus of the program is to help students improve academically as well as provide them a safe place to play. These services are provided by the Boys and Girls Club and Seven Hills staff and volunteers.

### Summer Day Camp

Our 8 week camp emphasizes hands on learning, health and nutrition. Youth ages 5 to 18 attend weekly field trips, arts and crafts, fitness and tutoring. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is served daily. Youth employment opportunities are available to those ages 14-18.

### Success through Empowering Programs and Services (STEPS Teens)

Teen Advocates receive a small stipend to support younger students as camp counselors and youth mentors. The teens share their message of making positive choices and living drug free lives. Teens acquire other critical life skills through this program.



**COMMUNITY**

**FAMILY**

**UNITY**

**FUN**

**CARING**

**LOVING**

**SECOND HOME**



**SAFE HAVEN**

**INSPIRING**



**MINE**

## The Neighborhood House

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45214  
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Victim assistance (513) 407-5242  
Trauma recovery (513) 407-5535  
STEPS (513) 302-7145  
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Facebook: Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses-  
Findlay Street Center



## Partnering Organizations



## Funding Organizations



**As partners in the communities we serve; we are dedicated to improving the quality of life of our neighbors.**

# every family has a story



**1803 Baymiller Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214**

“Every February during Super Bowl Sunday, we hand out socks and sandwiches to the homeless at Washington Park.”

~Conrad and Encosma N.

Conrad and Encosma are a married couple with two daughters Alexis and DeAsia. Conrad is currently employed with Aramark where he works at the University of Cincinnati. Encosma is currently employed at Hilton Garden Inn as a Customer Services Representative for the Front Desk. Alexis loves to sing, teach, and praise dance. DeAsia enjoys anime, drawing, and computers. Both girls desire to go to college to study different things: Alexis wants to be an OB-GYN and DeAsia a computer programmer. Conrad and Encosma expressed how they are very close-knit family. The couple first found out about Habitat for Humanity from a Habitat homeowner and from shopping at different ReStores.

Conrad and Encosma stated, “owning our own home will help us complete one of our set goals. It also has made us closer together as a couple.” The couple says how throughout this process they have been learning how to budget better to help put them in the right direction to getting out of debt. Owning this home will allow them to leave something behind for their children and grandchildren. The Napier family volunteered at Rock the Block: Home is the Rock, where they help to revamp a park in West College Hill, in support of Habitat.

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**1807 Baymiller St.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214**

**“Anything is possible if you  
work at it!”**

**~Sylvester B.**

Sylvester is a single father who enjoys reading books and watching good movies. His son is 18 years old. Sylvester is currently employed at Taglio, LLC, in the food industry. He said that he first found out about Habitat for Humanity in 1990 when the first Habitat home was built in Avondale on Reading Road.

Owning his own home will make a huge difference for him. He states, “I want my son to have something down the road.” This new home will allow Sylvester to show his son that anything is possible if you work for it. He hopes that by becoming a homeowner he can perhaps regain and rebuild relationships that are important to him. Sylvester knows that it all starts with buying an affordable home that he can call his.

## BACKGROUND: EPISCOPAL BUILD 2021

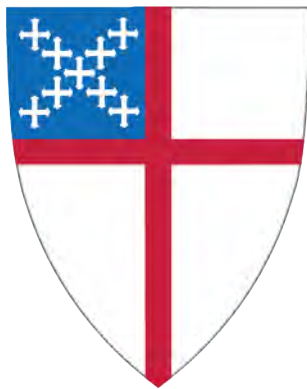
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For most of its history, Habitat for Humanity has had significant partnerships with faith communities across the Tri-state region. This includes several long-standing church coalitions who have helped build or rehab hundreds of homes for purchase by first-time homebuyers, using Habitat's proven model of prepared homeownership. The coalitions provide funding, volunteer labor and construction leadership, and most importantly, provide an opportunity for people from all walks of life to build alongside the future homeowners.



Many local Episcopal churches have been part of several of these coalitions. One of them, St. Barnabas Church in Montgomery, has its roots in the West End. It still maintains an active outreach program with Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses. As the Baymiller rowhouse project was coming together, HGHGC approached St. Barnabas with a proposal to participate in one of the historic rehabs as a lead partner and seeking other Episcopal churches as partners. St. Barnabas, who traditionally builds with Habitat's Eastside Coalition, agreed to also participate in the Episcopal Build at 1803 Baymiller. St. Barnabas' retired rector, the Rev. Nancy Turner Jones, offered to make a generous lead gift on behalf of the church from the Anna & Harold Huffman Foundation.

At the same time, HFHGC's HOPE Coalition, made up of a number of local Episcopal churches including Christ Church Cathedral, had focused its efforts for the past several years on historic rehabs in Lower Price Hill, where Habitat has made a multi-year commitment. The HOPE Coalition agreed to turn its efforts to the Baymiller rowhouse project, providing generous funding and volunteer support. St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Terrace Park) who traditionally builds with the Eastside Coalition, decided to support the Episcopal Build as well.

While Habitat must continue to limit the number of group volunteers on its build sites, following COVID protocols, the dedicated and skilled volunteers from local Episcopal Habitat volunteers will be crucial to completing the project. Habitat is proud to have these longtime partners working alongside Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses, The Port, the City of Cincinnati, and all the project's funding partners.

### EPISCOPAL BUILD DONORS

#### HOPE Coalition:

- Christ Church Cathedral
- Christ Church Glendale
- Calvary Episcopal Church
- Ascension & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

**Anna & Harold Huffman Foundation**  
(on behalf of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church)

**Barry F. Smith Family Fund**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**