



Fast Facts about Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH)

The mission of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience.

Homeownership Program

- More than 1,000 families have purchased TCHFH homes since 1985. We build/rehab 50+ homes (single-family, twin or multi-unit) each year. Hundreds of families apply for homes annually.
- Homebuyer families must be able to pay Habitat's 0% interest mortgage, complete 300-500 hours of "sweat equity", complete 11 homeownership training classes, and be willing to partner with TCHFH.
- Homebuyer income must be between 30%-60% of area median. TCHFH's median family earns \$35,500/year and has 5 people living in each home.
- A Neighborhood Family Partner helps each homebuyer with the transition to homeownership.
- TCHFH's foreclosure rate is under 1% thanks to diligent work in selecting and preparing families.
- TCHFH is committed to revitalizing neighborhoods hit hardest by foreclosure, with current efforts focused in North Minneapolis, St. Paul's East Side and the Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood of St. Paul.

A Brush with Kindness Program (ABWK)

- ABWK provides painting, landscaping and repairs to qualifying low-income homeowners struggling to maintain their homes. Priority is given to the elderly, Veterans, those with disabilities and single parents.
- ABWK serves 125 local homeowners each year. More than 1,700 homeowners have been helped since ABWK was started by TCHFH in 1998.
- Twin Cities Habitat's ABWK program has been replicated by hundreds of Habitat affiliates nationwide.

Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program (MFPP)

- MFPP serves homeowners facing foreclosure by providing free financial reviews and referrals. It puts hundreds of homeowners each year on a path towards housing and financial stability.
- MFPP is open to all Minneapolis residents and is the largest such program in the city.
- Since the program began in 1993 it has served more than 5,000 local homeowners.
- The MFPP maintains an office in the Urban League building at 2100 Plymouth Ave. N in Minneapolis.

Habitat Advocates, Educates, and Engages

- TCHFH is constantly working with a broad range of community partners to eliminate poverty housing and educate the public on affordable housing issues.
- *Habitat on the Hill - Minnesota* is our annual lobbying day at the State Capitol.
- TCHFH hosted the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project in October, 2010. Work was done on 26 homes during the week as affordable housing issues took center stage in the Twin Cities.
- 20+ people work with TCHFH from 3 Service Organizations (AmeriCorps, VISTA, Lutheran Volunteer Corps.)
- 17,000 people volunteer with TCHFH annually (270+ on the busiest construction days).
- We educate the public and our supporters through the *Housing Matters!* and *Build, Think, Act.* programs.
- Over 8,000 individuals, congregations, corporations and foundations make annual financial gifts.
- TCHFH tithes 10% of all undesignated donations to build Habitat homes abroad. We are one of the top tithing Habitat affiliates in the world. Our current tithe partners are Ethiopia, Costa Rica and Haiti.

The ReStore Retail Outlet

- The ReStore sells donated construction material at discounted prices to fund TCHFH homes.
- Retailers, contractors and private citizens donate cabinets, carpeting, tile, countertops, doors, flooring, furniture, lighting, lumber, plumbing, siding, sinks, toilets, vanities, windows and more.
- The ReStore keeps tons of building materials out of local landfills each year.
- The store is located at 510 County Rd. D West in New Brighton, MN 55112 Phone: 612-588-3820

For more information, visit www.tchabitat.org or call 651-207-1700.
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is located at 1954 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104



Sustainable Development and Green Building Practices

- TCHFH is an ENERGY STAR partner and member of the U.S. Green Building Council.
- TCHFH is the largest builder of ENERGY STAR homes in Minnesota.
- TCHFH has completed 15 LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) homes located in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Crystal, Chaska, St. Francis and Hopkins.
- TCHFH homes are built to meet the Silver LEED rating – but few homes go through the certification process.
- TCHFH's energy-efficient homes ensure long-term affordability and improved indoor air quality.
- TCHFH's main offices are certified Silver LEED.

The Need and Urgency for Affordable Housing

- In U.S., 95 million people with housing problems: high-cost burden, overcrowding, inadequate housing and homelessness.
- The foreclosure crisis revealed a broken housing market with few affordable housing options. Now communities across the seven-county metro are asking for help rebuilding weakened neighborhoods.
- One in eight Minnesota households spends more than 50% of their income on housing needs. Due to this cost burden, families sacrifice other necessities, including healthcare and food.
- Minnesota will need more than 51,000 new affordable homes by 2020.
- Getting families into a stable home leads to better education outcomes, fewer dropouts, healthier kids, increased job prospects, more community engagement and safer neighborhoods.
- A child living in insufficient housing is far more likely to contract meningitis, respiratory problems or asthma.
- Children who live in unstable housing change schools more frequently and are four times more likely to drop out than those who don't move from place to place.
- Children who live in inadequate housing have lower educational attainment and a greater likelihood of being impoverished and unemployed as adults.