



## Affiliate of Distinction 2015-2017

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**Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley Named Affiliate of Distinction  
Second consecutive award for affiliate**

**Milpitas, Calif.**, April 23, 2015 -- Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley has been named an "Affiliate of Distinction" by Habitat for Humanity International, one of only 14 affiliates selected out of more than 1,400 nationwide. This is the second time Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley has been selected for this prestigious award; the affiliate was previously one of seven recognized in 2013, the first year the award was instituted.

Habitat for Humanity International established the Affiliates of Distinction program to honor U.S. affiliates that meet or exceed best-practice standards. Recipients maintain their recognition for two years, after which they re-apply for the following award period. Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley was honored in consecutive award periods for its achievements and innovation in providing affordable ownership housing in partnership with limited income families in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties.

"The affordable housing crisis is especially acute in the San Francisco Bay Area, even for those with solid incomes," says Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley President and CEO Janice Jensen. "It takes the kind of outside-the-box thinking that Silicon Valley is known for to secure homeownership for those at the lower end of the economic scale. Our team has risen to the challenge."

Besides the traditional model of building or renovating homes for individual families, Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley has a number of multi-unit developments in progress throughout the three counties it serves. The affiliate also has robust home repair and neighborhood revitalization programs, which keep families in their homes and address blight and safety issues in their communities. In addition, Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley created a "Playhouse Program" in which companies and community groups come together to build playhouses for children and raise money for Habitat's mission. The program has proven to be a significant source of funding and has since become a fundraising model for other Habitat affiliates across the country.

**About Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley**

As an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley revitalizes neighborhoods, builds affordable and sustainable housing solutions, and empowers families through successful homeownership. Since 1986, Habitat EBSV has partnered with volunteers, the community, and qualified families with limited incomes to strengthen communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties. Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. For more information about our wide range of programs, please visit [HabitatEBSV.org](http://HabitatEBSV.org) or call 866-450-4432.

**About Habitat for Humanity International**

Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a path out of poverty, since 1976 Habitat has helped more than 5 million people through home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products and services. Habitat also advocates to improve access to decent and affordable shelter and offers a variety of housing support services that enable families with limited means to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

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