



## Affordable Home Ownership for Hard Working Families

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based non-profit organization devoted to working in partnership with hard-working families to help them achieve home ownership.

Habitat utilizes donations of funds, materials, and labor to build or rehabilitate affordable homes and sell them to qualifying low-income families. Homes are sold at no profit and Habitat finances the mortgage with a zero-interest loan, helping to keep monthly payments below 30% of family income. Families are usually able to own their own home for less than they were formerly paying in rent, freeing up income for other necessities and providing a stable, safe environment for children.

Habitat offers families a hand up, not a hand out. Potential homeowners must agree to contribute 250 volunteer hours, attend Habitat's extensive homeowner education courses, and save up part of the closing costs required for their home. This investment in their home helps families to truly value what Habitat and our volunteers and donors have helped them to achieve.

Over our 30-year history, Habitat has helped almost 1,180 families in Lee and Hendry counties achieve homeownership. To date, more than 100 homeowners have paid their mortgages in full!

Habitat builds stronger families,  
better neighborhoods and brighter futures!



"My family and I are grateful to Habitat for Humanity, the sponsors and all the women volunteers who helped make this day possible," said Wolcott. "This is a Mother's Day dream come true for me."

*Michelle Wolcott*

**2011 Women Build Homeowner Reipient**

### Mission Statement

To follow God's lead and partner with the community to provide decent, affordable homes for people in need so they may build better lives for their families.

For further information call Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties at (239) 652-0434 or email [womenbuild@habitat4humanity.org](mailto:womenbuild@habitat4humanity.org).



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**Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties**

**MAY 5 - 12, 2012**



## Women Helping Women

Since 1998, Women Build events have helped to build more than 1,800 houses in the United States. Habitat affiliates across the nation join with women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis that has resulted in more than 12 million children living in poverty conditions in the United States.

In Lee County, more than 17,000 families spend more than 40% of their income for rent. Many renters are forced to move often, requiring children to change schools and lose academic momentum.

Participating in the national Women Build initiative during the second week of May 2012, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties will acquire existing homes on the market in Lee County. Women will raise the sponsorship fees and rehab the homes.

The sponsorship fee is \$50,000 per home, and we estimate that 100 half-day volunteer shifts will be sufficient to perform the required rehabilitation of each house. Therefore, we will raise the sponsorship fee by equating one volunteer shift with one \$500 donation. Much like a walk-a-thon concept, we invite women to commit to a level of sponsorship, and if necessary, invite other women to help support the financial commitment associated with a volunteer position.

Please join us! This is a great opportunity for women to have fun, work together, and support other women.

Visit [www.habitat4humanity.org](http://www.habitat4humanity.org) for further information.

## Women Build Participation Levels

**General Contractor** \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 and up

**Volunteer Opportunities** – One shift of up to 10 women, or 2 shifts of five women (one volunteer shift per \$500 donation), one complimentary Women Build T-shirt per volunteer.

**Recognition** – Speaking role in opening event and home dedication ceremony, logo on sign at rehab site, recognition on Habitat's website, newsletter and press release.

**Sub-Contractor** \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 - \$4,999

**Volunteer Opportunities** – One volunteer shift per \$500 donation, one complimentary Women Build T-shirt per volunteer.

**Recognition** – Recognition at opening event and home dedication ceremony, recognition on sign at rehab site, Habitat's website, newsletter and press release.

**Skilled Tradeswoman** \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 - \$2,499

**Volunteer Opportunities** – One volunteer shift per \$500 donation, one complimentary Women Build T-shirt per volunteer.

**Recognition** – Recognition on sign at rehab site, Habitat's website and newsletter, invitation to dedication ceremony and listing in program.

**Apprentice** \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 - \$999

**Volunteer Opportunities** – One volunteer shift per \$500 donation, one complimentary Women Build T-shirt per volunteer.

**Recognition** – Invitation to dedication ceremony and listing in program.

**Caring Laborer** \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 - \$499

**Recognition** – Invitation to dedication ceremony and listing in program ( Volunteer opportunities as available).

More than 1,800 Women Build homes have been provided since the program began in 1998.



*Yes, I want to support the Women Build!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will be a General Contractor – \$5,000 and up

\_\_\_ I will be a Sub Contractor – \$2,500 - \$4,999

\_\_\_ I will be a Skilled Tradeswoman – \$1,000 - \$2,499

\_\_\_ I will be an Apprentice – \$500 - \$999

\_\_\_ I will be a Caring Laborer – \$1.00 - \$499

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check

\_\_\_ Please bill my credit card

# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am supporting (Team Name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will raise the sponsorship fee from friends/ associates

\_\_\_ I know a group or individual that may support this, please contact me.

I can't support the Women Build currently, but please put me on your newsletter mailing list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_