



# Building & preserving a better New York City

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## Who we are

**Habitat for Humanity New York City (Habitat NYC) transforms lives and communities by building and preserving quality, affordable homes with families in need – and by uniting New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing.**

With the help of thousands of volunteers each year, Habitat NYC builds, repairs and preserves single and multi-family homes across the five boroughs of New York City. While we welcome volunteers with construction skills, we don't require previous experience. We provide all of the tools and training, so all you need is the energy and enthusiasm to lend a helping hand!

## How we work

**Habitat NYC provides “a hand-up, not a hand out” to affordable homeownership.** Habitat homebuyers invest a minimum of 200 sweat equity hours, helping to build their own home and the homes of their neighbors, alongside Habitat volunteers. Homeowners make low-interest, monthly mortgage payments, and the proceeds from home sales are reinvested in the construction of future homes.

We also advocate for local, state and federal policies that promote more opportunities for affordable housing, primarily homeownership. We work in partnership with more than 200 religious, educational, civic, labor and business groups to support broad-based, practical policy solutions.

Habitat NYC brings hope, stability and strength to families in need of affordable housing – but we can't do it without the support of our generous donors and volunteers.



## Who we serve

Habitat NYC serves low- to moderate-income working families in New York City who are typically paying 50 percent or more of their income on rent and are living in overcrowded, unsafe or unhealthy housing. We assist Habitat homeowners with financial counseling prior to purchase of their houses, and we continue to support families after they've moved into their homes.



### Donate

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You can also donate by mail or by calling (212) 991-4000 x330.



### Volunteer

[habitatnyc.org/volunteer](http://habitatnyc.org/volunteer)

Our most pressing need is for volunteers to help on our construction sites on weekdays.



### Advocate

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Lend your voice to the cause of affordable housing!



# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What does Habitat NYC do?

Habitat NYC builds, preserves, and advocates for quality, affordable homeownership throughout the five boroughs for hard-working, low-to moderate-income families by engaging volunteers with the opportunity to participate in rebuilding their surrounding communities and uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing.

## Who can volunteer with Habitat NYC?

Anyone can get involved with Habitat NYC! We engage thousands of volunteers each year who help complete our projects. Individuals, skilled workers in the building trades, groups from companies, congregations, local organizations, and national service volunteers and interns can all lend a hand.

## How can I volunteer?

All volunteers must register online at [www.habitatnyc.org/volunteer](http://www.habitatnyc.org/volunteer). From there you can learn about specific projects, attend orientation sessions and sign up for build days.

## What kind of homes does Habitat NYC build?

Habitat NYC builds and preserves single-family homes as well as multiple-family condominium and cooperative apartments. Most Habitat NYC homes are Energy-Star Certified, which keeps New York cleaner and our homeowners' bills lower.

## What is your connection with Habitat for Humanity International?

We are an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Donations to Habitat NYC are used locally - we build and preserve homes only in the five boroughs of New York City.

## I don't have any construction skills, can I still volunteer?

Absolutely! We welcome all skill levels. Our staff and trained volunteer crew leaders will be on site to train and assist all volunteers.

## How can I donate?

The easiest way to make a donation is online at [www.habitatnyc.org/donate](http://www.habitatnyc.org/donate). Individuals can also donate items to the ReStore. We accept donations and materials needed in construction from corporations and faith groups. All donations to Habitat NYC and the ReStore are tax deductible.

## Where does Habitat NYC build?

We build and preserve homes exclusively within the five boroughs of New York City.

Visit our website at [www.habitatnyc.org](http://www.habitatnyc.org) for more information.



# Current Projects

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**At Habitat NYC**, we build and preserve single-family homes in Queens, brownstones in Brooklyn, affordable co-ops in Manhattan... you name it, we've got it! Learn about our current projects below:



**Housing Preservation Program** • We know that we cannot build our way out of the housing crisis. Habitat NYC's Housing Preservation Program is a multi-faceted effort that gives low- to moderate-income New York homeowners and their families the ability to remain in their homes. The program uses a mix of volunteers and skilled tradespeople, and includes Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance and Construction Preservation Services for existing affordable multi-family buildings.



**Sydney House** • Sydney House is the largest single-structure Habitat for Humanity project in the world! A joint venture with Almat Group, Sydney House will provide 56 hard-working families the opportunity to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Sydney House is currently under construction in the Williamsbridge section of the Bronx.



**SEED** • SEED is blossoming in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Seed will consist of three new four-story walk-up buildings including a total of 25 units. The complex will include seven one-bedroom, 15 two-bedroom, and three three-bedroom apartments. Individuals up to families of six are eligible for the apartments of varying sizes.



**Single-Family Homes in Queens** • Habitat NYC acquired 23 dilapidated single-family homes from the New York City Housing Authority for \$1 each. We will gut renovate these homes into decent, affordable housing, revitalizing the neighborhoods too. Each home will follow the strict guidelines of Enterprise Green Communities standards and Energy Star protocol.



**A Brush With Kindness (BWK)** • Get creative! The BWK program revitalizes community spaces including playgrounds, community centers, senior centers and public parks in New York City. Our volunteers repair and rehabilitate these vital community outposts through minor fix-ups, like painting and landscaping.