



Building a more equitable New York

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Who we are

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County 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.

We believe that homeownership is equity, with benefits that span generations and increase the wealth, health, and education of our communities. 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 and Westchester creates, preserves, and advocates for healthy, affordable homes and the generational equity building opportunities that homeownership provides. With the support of thousands of volunteers each year, we're building a more equitable New York—to address centuries of unjust, racist, housing laws and financing mechanisms that prevented communities of color from entering the homeownership market and shaped the geography of the wealth, health, and education inequality we see today.

Using the tools of non-profit developers, community land trusts, limited-equity co-ops, and rental-to-ownership conversions, we are creating an infrastructure for equity with benefits that span generations and increase the wealth, health, and education of our communities.



Who we serve

We serve low-to moderate-income New Yorkers earning roughly 50 to 90 percent of area median income, from first responders and growing families to public service employees. We serve communities that have been excluded from the homeownership market by centuries of unjust, racist, housing laws and financing mechanisms. More than 80% of Habitat Homeowners are single, female, heads of household, and more than 95% of our Preservation clients identify as BIPOC. We support our families in becoming successful homeowners through financial and homeownership training and as an ongoing resource after they move into their homes.



Donate

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



Volunteer

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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!

At Habitat NYC and Westchester, we're building a more equitable New York by building and preserving single- and multi-family housing from Coney Island to Peekskill. Currently, we're working on:



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.



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.



Habitat Net Zero • The latest milestone on our journey to create equity building opportunities for families, this time in Southeast Queens. The 16 homes that make up Habitat Net Zero will meet Enterprise Green Communities Criteria and incorporate Passive House elements, reducing heat and cooling demand by up to 90 percent and energy demand by up to 75 percent. These energy efficient, modular homes will be the first new construction properties on the Interboro Community Land Trust (CLT).



Haven Green • Haven Green is a LGBTQ-friendly senior housing development expected to consist of 123-unit deeply affordable apartments for low-income seniors with thirty-seven apartments for seniors who have been homeless. The development will include over 8,000 square feet of publicly- accessible green space, flexible community activity space, as well as on-site community services. The development will also include the new headquarters for Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County.

What does Habitat NYC and Westchester do?

Habitat NYC and Westchester builds a more equitable New York by creating, preserving, and advocating for opportunities for families and communities to build equity through affordable homeownership. Using the tools of non-profit developers, community land trusts, limited-equity co-ops, and rental-to-ownership conversions, we are creating an infrastructure for equity with benefits that span generations and increase the wealth, health, and education of our communities.

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Who can volunteer with Habitat NYC and Westchester?

Anyone can get involved with Habitat NYC and Westchester—no construction experience necessary! 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.

What is your connection with Habitat for Humanity International?

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

How can I volunteer?

All volunteers must register online at www.habitatnycwc.org/volunteer. From there you can learn about specific projects, attend orientation sessions and sign up for build days.

How can I donate?

The easiest way to make a donation is online at www.habitatnycwc.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 Westchester and the ReStore are tax deductible.

What kind of homes does Habitat NYC and Westchester build?

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

Where does Habitat NYC and Westchester build?

We build and preserve homes throughout the five boroughs of New York City and Westchester County.