

Blueprint for Housing Justice: Our Intended Impact and Theory of Change

MISSION: Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County transforms lives and communities by building and preserving affordable homes with families in need, and by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing.

VISION: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

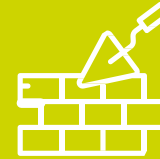
INTENDED IMPACT: Ensuring working class people in NYC and Westchester build equity and achieve housing stability through permanently affordable homeownership.

THEORY OF CHANGE:

We increase permanently affordable, limited-equity homeownership opportunities. We aim to increase stock of affordable homeownership housing, allowing individuals to build equity and to have a stake in their communities while closing the racial wealth gap and redefining the American dream of homeownership.

We preserve existing affordable homeownership. Through focused preservation programs, we are committed to advancing limited-equity, cooperative and affordable homeownership; creating resilient communities with self-determination, autonomy, tenure of place, and security for families and residents.

We advance state and local equity-building policies. Advocate for budgetary, legislative and regulatory policies that prioritize access to safe, secure, and permanently affordable homeownership opportunities that prevent displacement and stabilize existing affordable housing options.



Founding year:
1984



Families served:
Over 2,600



Sector:
Affordable housing



Geography/footprint:
New York City, Westchester
County, Rockland County,
New York State



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We are focused on creating and preserving permanently affordable homeownership opportunities with working class New Yorkers in the five boroughs and Westchester County. We empower low- to moderate-income residents, particularly households of color and single mothers, to achieve and sustain affordable homeownership in their communities. Through a combination of direct service initiatives and advocacy efforts, we strive to create lasting impact through our homebuilding, preservation, and tenant-to-ownership conversion programs and by promoting equitable access to homeownership. Our organization drives impact through our passionate and skilled team, robust development infrastructure, dedicated volunteers and donors, and strong brand recognition. With 40 years of institutional stability, diverse funding, and effective digital tools, we provide housing solutions in a capital-rich environment through evidence-based strategies and strong partnerships.

WHO WE WORK WITH	OUR WORK	INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES	INTENDED IMPACT
<p>Low- to moderate-income New Yorkers, the majority of whom are people of color, single mothers, and individuals impacted by systemic inequality. Special focus on seniors and climate disaster-impacted homeowners seeking support to live safely and sustainably in their homes.</p>	<p>Homeownership Development Real Estate Development Construction <i>Single- and multi-family rehab and homebuilding increases the housing supply of permanently affordable homeownership</i></p> <p>Homeownership Preservation Technical Assistance Financing Construction Preservation Services <i>Co-op Preservation, Aging in Place, Plus One ADU, and Flood Response programs partner with homeowners to stabilize, improve, and maintain their homes and buildings</i></p> <p>Rental to Ownership Conversions Tenant Opportunity to Purchase LIHTC Rental to Ownership <i>Transitioning rent stabilized, naturally occurring and expiring affordable rental housing to cooperatively and community-controlled homeownership expands and scales up equity-building opportunities for New Yorkers</i></p> <p>Community Engagement Advocacy ReStore Volunteerism <i>Engaging our supporters, neighbors, and partners in the hands-on and voice-raising efforts to build a region and world where everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable home is central to our mission and vision.</i></p>	<p>Permanently Affordable Homeownership Opportunities are Created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited-equity homes constructed and sold Multi-family co-ops built and converted Tenants purchase buildings LIHTC rental-to-co-op buildings developed <p>Existing Homeownership is Preserved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited-equity co-ops stabilized and maintained Unsafe and flood-damaged homes repaired Accessory apartments created <p>Policy Change Enacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeownership programs funded and expanded Zoning and infrastructure reformed and streamlined 	<p>Working class New Yorkers in NYC and Westchester will build equity, achieve housing security, and exercise self-determination by accessing and preserving homeownership with enduring affordability that builds resilient community assets for future generations.</p>