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Habitat for Humanity's 50th Anniversary Public Art Installation Let's Open the Door Debuts in Washington Square Park

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (March 23, 2026) [Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County](#) (Habitat NYC and Westchester) in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International, presents Let's Open the Door, a free public art installation celebrating Habitat's 50th anniversary. Making its debut in New York City as the first stop of a national and international tour, the interactive exhibition will be on view in Washington Square Park from March 23–24, 2026. The installation is part of a worldwide campaign by Habitat for Humanity International exploring the importance of safe, affordable housing and the opportunities a stable home creates.

Ten artists from across the country were asked one question: "What makes a space feel like a home?" Their responses come to life on 80-inch-tall doors designed by each artist, exploring themes of safety, belonging, community, and opportunity. The New York City door was created by local artist Islenia Mil and depicts a woman sleeping peacefully, symbolizing how a safe home provides the foundation for health, education, economic opportunity, and growth.

Visitors can ring each door's doorbell to hear the artist speak about their work, collect stamps in a passport booklet, and explore this interactive, open-air exhibition. Following its New York City debut, the exhibition will travel to 10 cities worldwide, featuring installations of 10 doors in each location. Each stop will showcase work from local artists alongside real homeowner stories. Whirlpool Corporation is the featured sponsor and partner for the New York City installation, with its own door representing what's possible when families achieve housing stability.

About Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County expands access to permanently affordable homeownership by creating, preserving, and scaling equity-building housing solutions across New York City and Westchester County. We work with working-class families to promote long-term housing stability, community resilience, and generational equity. Through public-private partnerships, innovative development and preservation strategies, policy leadership, and scalable financial models, Habitat helps unlock pathways to sustainable homeownership and a more equitable housing sector. Learn more at www.habitatnycwc.org and connect with us on social media at @HabitatNYC_WC.

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