

About Honolulu Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1988, we are a local affiliate of an international organization.

Alongside community volunteers and local partners, we build homes with partner families. Our mission is to end poverty housing on O'ahu.

Too many people on our island are without a home, or live in substandard housing. Within our programs, families have the opportunity to realize their dream of home ownership. Honolulu Habitat for Humanity has built over 75 homes on O'ahu, for over 400 residents. It takes approximately 4,000 volunteer hours to build one home.



If you'd like to become a Habitat Partner Family, please contact our office at 808-538-7070. You can also visit our website.

To volunteer or donate, please contact us at:

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Building houses Building hope



Mission Statement

Honolulu Habitat for Humanity is a grassroots, ecumenical Christian housing ministry, which works in partnership with people of all faiths to build affordable homes for sale to those in need, at no interest and no profit.

What is "sweat equity"?

Each adult in the partner family is required to complete a minimum number of "sweat equity" hours before they move into their new home. Sweat equity is the work each homeowner puts into the construction of their home, the construction of another family's home, or volunteer hours in our office. It is a "hand up, not a hand out" and is at the core of our mission.

In addition, when a family begins making mortgage payments, their monthly payments are returned to a revolving "Fund for Humanity" that is used to build more homes for other families in need.

Who qualifies for a home?

Families qualify based upon their need for housing, willingness to partner with Habitat, and financial assessment. We serve the sector of the population that faces the greatest challenge of achieving home ownership . . . families that earn between 30% and 60% of the area median income, and cannot qualify for conventional financing. We partner with families, regardless of family makeup, ethnicity, or religion. Families repay the cost of building their home through a 20-year, 0% interest mortgage.

