

Organization Overview

Homeownership offers many financial benefits, such as long-term savings to build equity and wealth, control over expenses, and tax advantages, that break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. The stability of homeownership helps people develop strong social networks that foster healthy and engaged families and communities. However, the greater Salt Lake metropolitan area has an extreme shortage of affordable housing.

For 37 years, Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity has been dedicated to ensuring that **everyone has a decent and safe place to live**. Most people know us for our Home Building program, but we do so much more! The Habitat culture incorporates diversity, inclusion, and equity in everything we do. In 2021, Salt Lake Habitat served more than 50,000 people through our three pillars of service – Home Building and Ownership, Critical Repairs, and the ReStore.

Our **Home Building Program** puts home ownership within reach for working families who earn less than 60% of the Salt Lake median income (\$55,320 for a family of four). Most recipients work multiple jobs to make ends meet and never thought they would be able to purchase a home of their own.

Since 1986, we have **built 105 affordable homes, providing long-term housing to over 404 people, including 251 children**. Our 0% interest mortgages make the monthly cost of homeownership affordable, and families quickly build equity. Recipients invest 225 hours of sweat equity, including 25 hours of financial literacy education to learn budgeting and other tools to help them achieve long-term housing stability.

CHiRP- Our **Critical Home Repair Program (CHiRP)** helps low-income homeowners remain stably housed in safe and healthy homes. Doctors who see patients suffering from chronic diseases such as asthma tell us, “We wish we could write a prescription for a healthy home.”

Our CHiRP team performs a 100-point inspection to identify and mitigate issues that lead to disease and unsafe living conditions—issues like mold, broken doors and windows, leaking roofs, faulty heating and cooling systems, fall hazards, and lack of ADA accessibility. Through CHiRP, we have **improved the health and life safety of over 600 people, including 366 children, 92 seniors, 26 Veterans, and 85 people with disabilities**. Thirty-six of our CHiRP children had chronic asthma, which dramatically improved after their homes were repaired.

The ReStore opened in 2009 as Salt Lake's only building materials thrift shop. Contractors, retailers, and individuals donate a wide variety of surplus items, including lumber, tile, lighting, furniture, artwork, appliances, electronics, household items, and even toys. The ReStore keeps over **600 tons of materials out of local landfills** every year.

The low-income community relies on the ReStore for home repair and maintenance supplies. Our \$20 toilets are a great example.

Our **Second Chance Program** gives people and items a fresh start. In 2022, we assisted 65 families by furnishing their homes or apartments after a disaster or as they reintegrated after experiencing homelessness. We test and repair old appliances, making them available at a fraction of the retail cost and keeping them out of the landfill. It also gives people coming out of the judicial system a fresh start through volunteer and community opportunities. The ReStore is located at 1276 South 500 West in Salt Lake City.

Self-sufficiency and sustainability

Habitat for Humanity was founded on the principles of self-sufficiency and sustainability for our organization, our clients, and our community. We give people a **hand up, not a handout**. The ReStore revenue sustains our general operations while benefitting the low-income community with low-cost materials. Investments in our home building and repair programs help low-income working families today and cycle back to benefit other low-income families in the future. Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Celebrating a 31 -Year-Old Strong Partnership between Habitat for Humanity Kenya and Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity (Utah)

1992 - 2023



OUR PARTNERSHIP

A **common global mission** to serve families in need of shelter and uplift their decency.

Supported Habitat Kenya **Since 1992**

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IMPORTANCE OF TITHE SUPPORT TO OUR PROGRAM

Tithe is unrestricted in nature and very key in supporting the operations of the organization.



It is currently the major source of unrestricted funding for HFH Kenya



We use it to build the capacity of our staff to deliver quality services to target beneficiaries.



It enables home construction for poor families that are usually not catered for by the traditional donor funding



We have used it to fund innovative pilot projects that have the potential to solve shelter challenges for families and communities in Kenya.

WHAT NEXT . . . 500 HOMES IN 6 COUNTIES

The Kenya Government has set an ambitious goal of building 200,000 affordable Homes units yearly .

HFH Kenya wants to contribute to this goal with **500 homes in FY24 in the 6 counties we work in**

Just like the 40@40 campaign, we plan to achieve this goal in partnership with beneficiaries, staff, volunteers, corporates and foundations, our HFH family network and County governments.

Our Target Beneficiaries will remain the same:

- Widows/widowers with orphaned or vulnerable children
- Poor housing conditions made up of mud walls, sticks, fabric and plastic materials and very susceptible to the elements of nature e.g., rain, sun and wind;
- No access to water or sanitation facilities
- Sources of incomes include menial labor on people's farms and houses and collection of firewood for sale
- Very prone to diseases due to poor housing conditions.