



Program Service Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2019

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Homebuyer Program: We completed construction on 14 new homes this fiscal year, partnering with deserving families in need of a safe, decent and affordable home. Of these homes, nine were new construction and five were rehabilitation.

Approved partner families make a down-payment on their home and complete 300-500 hours of "sweat equity" before moving in, then make monthly payments on an interest-free mortgage once they take ownership. Volunteers contributed 73,455 hours of work to our homebuyer and other programs during the fiscal year.

In Habitat's Almost Home program, case management services are provided to families who do not yet meet Habitat's ability to pay criteria and to current Habitat homeowners who have experienced a crisis such as job loss, disability, or loss of benefits. Almost Home provided vocational, financial, educational, and health care guidance to 153 families.

Habitat ReStore: We operate two Appleton Habitat ReStores, building materials outlets and recycling centers. Donated products are sold to the general public at less than 50% of the retail cost. The stores have three primary benefits. First, profits from sales fund the building of additional homes for qualified families. Second, we divert waste products from the landfill and encourage reuse and recycling. Finally, discounted products allow families and property owners to make upgrades to their own homes they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Neighborhood Revitalization: Our neighborhood revitalization program provides critical home repairs to deal with health and safety issues within the home as well as making homes more energy efficient and appealing to the neighborhood. These services are provided to owner-occupied homes of low-income families. This program operates very similar to our homebuyer program. The work is done primarily by volunteers and the homeowners must invest sweat equity on their project as well as pay back an interest-free loan to us. The goal of this program is to keep families safe, warm and healthy in their homes while revitalizing the neighborhoods they live in. To enhance our neighborhood revitalization program, we offer Rock the Block events, whereby residents, municipalities and community partners collaborate with us in targeted neighborhoods during a concentrated period of time to complete home repair and preservation projects for low-income homeowners, and community projects to improve and beautify the neighborhood surrounding the homes. During the fiscal year, 10 home repair and 60 Rock the Block projects were completed. Rock the Block did work in three neighborhoods.