



Program Service Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2016

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

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 80,524 hours of work during the fiscal year. All Habitat homes were certified "Green Build" homes.

Habitat ReStore: We operate Appleton Habitat ReStore, a building materials outlet and recycling center. Donated products are sold to the general public at less than 50% of the retail cost. The store has 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. Last year, more than 511 tons of material were diverted from the landfill. 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, three home repair and 36 Rock the Block projects were completed for our neighborhood revitalization program.