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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
OF INDIANA COUNTY**



***How Can I Learn More?***

HFHIC holds general meetings at 7pm on the last Monday of every month. Meetings are held at Grace United Methodist Church, Indiana, PA. If you would like more information about us, contact us at 724-397-8943. Leave a message and we will return your call

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**Building  
Opportunities for  
Home Ownership  
and Hope**





### **How Did Habitat Start?**

Habitat has its roots in a partnership formed between Millard Fuller and Clarence Jordan in 1968. These two developed a "Fund for Humanity" to build homes for people in need in Sumter County, Georgia. After launching a house building ministry in Africa, Fuller established Habitat for Humanity International in 1976.

### **What Is HFHIC?**

Habitat for Humanity of Indiana County has been an official affiliate of Habitat International since 1991. HFHIC has a volunteer board of directors, written bylaws, and is a non-profit organization. The first house was completed and dedicated in Commodore in early 1992. HFHIC's goal is to eliminate substandard housing in Indiana County one family at a time. Since then we have completed eleven other homes.  
Habitat Fact: Twenty-five percent of the world's population lives in substandard housing.

### **How Does It Work?**

Habitat houses are built with volunteer labor and materials. Homeowners must invest 500 hours of sweat equity into the building or renovation of the home and then make monthly mortgage payments.

*Habitat Fact: Local affiliates tithe 10% of their contributions to Habitat International Contributors can request that their donations be used strictly for local projects.*

### **What Is Habitat For Humanity?**

Habitat for Humanity is an international, ecumenical housing ministry. Habitat brings together people of many races, nationalities, and religions to provide simple, decent homes to all of God's people.

### **Who Benefits From Habitat?**

Habitat provides an opportunity for home ownership to those who are unable to achieve this goal through standard channels. Due to donated labor and materials, Habitat homes sell for much less than others. A minimal down payment is required and no interest is charged on the mortgage. Those who choose to volunteer with Habitat also benefit. The satisfaction of a job well done, friendships with homeowners and other volunteers and seeing the faces of the family as they move into their new home are just a few of the by products of volunteering with Habitat.

### **How Can I Help?**

Habitat homes are built with financial contributions, donated materials, and volunteer labor. Donations of good quality new or used materials are welcome. Items such as carpeting, bathroom fixtures, insulation, siding, and cabinets are needed on most projects. Work is available for volunteers of all skill levels. Persons with few carpentry skills can assist in cleaning chores or may be taught some simple skills. Carpet layers, plumbers, electricians, and finish carpenters can always find tasks to complete at Habitat projects.

### **What if I don't want to pound nails?**

Behind the scenes, persons who serve on committees that keep the home building ministry moving ahead do vital work. Fund raising, publicity, family selection, family nurture, speakers bureau, and covenant church committees eagerly accept volunteers. Construction and site selection committees also seek willing hands to share in the work.

### **How can my church be involved?**

Churches of various denominations have entered covenant agreements with Habitat. Covenant churches select the terms of their agreement from a menu, which includes prayer, fund raising, education of the congregation, organization of work parties, and publicity. Covenant churches are given the opportunity to review, change, renew or cancel their covenants annually.

***Habitat Fact: Since its beginnings in 1976 Habitat For Humanity International has built more than 500,000 homes in 130 counties around the world.***