

About Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity

Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope.

Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally by constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.



About Give Hope

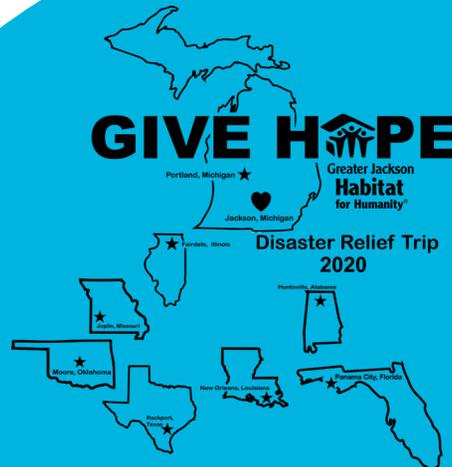
Give Hope Disaster Relief trips began in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina hit, and were student driven. Since then, over 800 high school, college students, and chaperones from Jackson County have travelled the country helping local and national charitable foundations in disaster areas. Over time, we have helped in a number of areas, including New Orleans and other areas in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, (Portland) Michigan, Illinois, Texas, and Florida. While on site, we help with debris removal, and construction/reconstruction of homes. Our goal is to help in any way possible in an area of need.

Many of our volunteers have dedicated years of their lives to helping others. These 800 volunteers include chaperones Pennie and Doug Atkins, who combined to participate in 29 trips. In December 2019, Doug lost his life in a car accident. In order to honor his legacy, we are working to build a Habitat for Humanity home in the Atkins' honor in the Northwest School District.



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Homeowner Program



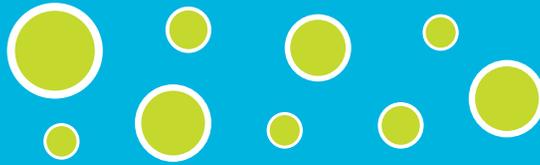


Homeowner Program

GJHFH builds new homes or rehabs existing homes to sell to low income people in our community.

The homeowner program includes homeowner education to prepare the new partner family with tools to become a successful homeowner (budget, home maintenance, etc.).

Upon completion of the homeowner program, the new partner family buys a Habitat Home with an affordable mortgage.



3 Criteria for Qualification

1. Need
2. Ability to Pay
3. Willingness to Partner

NEED

Household income at 30-80% area median income as defined by HUD.

Current home is unaffordable (more than 30% of your income), you are living with family or friends, there are maintenance problems at your rental unit, or your can't get approved for a conventional mortgage, you may qualify. Applicants must not currently own a home.

ABILITY TO PAY

Financially stable. We work with you on budgeting, credit counseling (if needed), and financial education to help you become mortgage-ready.

Once a new or rehabbed home is complete, we sell it to you, at the appraised value, with a mortgage that you can afford.

WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER

Applicant families will complete a minimum of 300 hours of sweat equity. These hours include classes, Habitat events, helping in the ReStore and construction. A minimum of 100 of these required hours must be completed on your own home.

To Apply

If you're interested in applying for a Habitat home, please call Jamie at 517-784-6620 to schedule an appointment for an orientation.

At the orientation appointment, you will receive information about the program and have your questions answered. If you're interested in completing the application at this time, please bring the following items with you:

- Proof of Income
 - If you're self-employed or receive SSI, disability or other government aid income, bring your last 2 years of tax returns
 - If you have a job, bring your last 2 years of W2s and 30 of days paystubs
- A list of all of your bills you pay every month
- A copy of your most recent month's bank statement



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