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1 in 4 families in our
area need an
affordable home

WHY WE CARE:

We are one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Cost of housing is rising quickly and wages are struggling to keep up.

An affordable mortgage improves overall ease of living which improves time spent at work, in school and focusing on personal health & wellbeing. Problematic disparities in homeownership by race keep our community from being cohesive and successful.



Children of homeowners are 116% more likely to graduate from college.

Homes are the most substantial investment that most American families make and they typically account for two-thirds of a household's overall wealth.

Disparities in homeownership are the most significant factor to the racial wealth gap.

Habitat for Humanity knows that a safe, decent and affordable home plays a critical role in helping families create lives filled with possibility and progress. Caught in cycles of unpredictable rent increases, overcrowded conditions, or lack of access to land and affordable housing, many families live with a constant burden of uncertainty, stress and fear.

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\$41,000/year (\$19/hour) =
Salary needed to afford
the average 2 bedroom
apartment.

Our advocacy approach is based on years of on-the-ground experience and policy expertise. In our deep understanding of housing and its role in providing opportunities for families, we seek to reform laws in a nonconfrontational, nonpartisan way.

Through our advocacy campaign, Habitat Wake is addressing the need for affordable housing. We're promoting policies that support the expansion of resources for opportunities to access affordable home ownership in our community.

WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR IN 2019:

LOCAL:

- Expanding Raleigh's affordable mortgage program to include Habitat homebuyers throughout the city.
- Increasing funding for Wake County's affordable mortgage program.
- Prioritizing bus routes & access to public transit for affordable housing areas.
- Expanding local funding sources for building new homes and repairing existing ones.

NORTH CAROLINA:

- Promoting fair property taxes for Habitat homes to ensure houses stay affordable long term.

NATIONAL:

- Protecting federal funding & programs that support affordable housing.
- Supporting the creation of a federal affordable housing task force.

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