

Mission vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Mission statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Mission principles

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

We undertake our work to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus, acting in all ways in accord with the belief that God's love and grace abound for all, and that we must be "hands and feet" of that love and grace in our world. We believe that, through faith, the miniscule can be multiplied to accomplish the magnificent, and that, in faith, respectful relationships can grow among all people.

2. Focus on shelter.

We have chosen, as our means of manifesting God's love, to create opportunities for all people to live in decent, durable shelter. We put faith into action by helping to build, renovate or preserve homes, and by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty.

3. Advocate for affordable housing.

In response to the prophet Micah's call to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God, we promote decent, affordable housing for all, and we support the global community's commitment to housing as a basic human right. We will advocate for just and fair housing policy to eliminate the constraints that contribute to poverty housing. And, in all of our work, we will seek to put shelter on hearts and minds in such powerful ways that poverty housing becomes socially, politically and religiously unacceptable.

4. Promote dignity and hope.

We believe that no one lives in dignity until everyone can live in dignity. We believe that every person has something to contribute and something to gain from creating communities in which all people have decent, affordable places to live. We believe that dignity and hope are best achieved through equitable, accountable partnerships.

5. Support sustainable and transformational development.

We view our work as successful when it transforms lives and promotes positive and lasting social, economic and spiritual change within a community; when it is based on mutual trust and fully shared accomplishment; and when it demonstrates responsible stewardship of all resources entrusted to us.

Habitat's first mission principle

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Keeping God at the center

Habitat for Humanity is committed to reaching its 50th anniversary – and beyond – as a vibrant, effective, global Christian organization dedicated to demonstrating the love and teachings of Jesus.

We call this effort **Keeping God at the Center** – often shortened to **God @ the Center** or **G@C**. Resources and information available on My.Habitat can help everyone at Habitat for Humanity and our affiliated organizations keep God at the center of our work.

- **By living as people of faith and spirit.**

Devotions, prayer, retreats and other practices help our organization hear God's voice and stay focused on what is most important in this ministry. Various resources for affiliated organizations are available on My.Habitat.

- **By letting our core documents guide us.**

The Habitat for Humanity mission vision, mission statement and mission principles belong to all Habitat entities worldwide. The calling and aspirations expressed in these documents are foundational, dating back to the beginning of our ministry.

- **By celebrating our history.**

Habitat's early leaders took the Christian Scriptures and Jesus in a very serious, prophetic way. We are building on the bold vision, the get-it-done attitudes, and the deeply rooted faith of those who came before us.

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