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**Purpose**

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge works in partnership with homeowners and the community to eliminate poverty housing. Habitat is not a handout but a ‘hand up’ to help families improve their lives and gain access to affordable, decent housing. The income resulting from Habitat’s sale of houses is reinvested in furthering Habitat’s mission. 

**Criteria for Ownership**

Selection is based on housing need, ability to repay the cost of the home, and willingness to partner with Habitat. An important aspect of the Habitat partnership is the requirement that a “hand up” is being given by helping to build their homes. With 100 years more than 6,000,000 volunteers have worked across the nation with our homeowners and partners and friends. Homeownership programs are also expanding to include 下面 continues education courses and pay closing costs.

**History**

Since 1989, Habitat volunteers have renovated or built safe, affordable homes for 360 families. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge serves a four parish area including Ascension, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge and Iberville. The incomes of those selected fall within the range of 27% to 60% of median family income for the parish where they live. 

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge serves thousands of local families and builds thousands of safe, affordable homes each year. Since 1989, Houston Texans have raised more than $2 million for Habitat. The Houston Texans Foundation has donated $800,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge, helping the organization build 12 homes in our 30 year history.

Habitat for Humanity is a partner in the rebuilding of the Greater Baton Rouge community. In 2016, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge built 21 homes with homeowners in need. In 2018, we built 36 new homes in the Baton Rouge area.

**Timeline**

- 1989: The first Habitat home was a church built in the community of Baton Rouge.
- 2003: We built our 100th home on Earlhart Street in Baton Rouge.
- 2005: We began building a total of 73 homes with Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- 2011: We built 100 homes in the Scotlandville neighborhood of Baton Rouge.
- 2018: We put up 36 homes and rebuilt 21 homes in response to the flood of 2016.
- 2019: We have built or renovated 360 homes in our 30 year history.

**Volunteer Spotlight**

**Super Crew**

Volunteers are the heart of Habitat for Humanity. One of the greatest rewards of volunteering is the opportunity to help others through home building. It is a rare chance to make homelessness a thing of the past. It is also a rewarding way to serve the community by using a hammer on the building site, but the problem is still very much a reality. Habitat allows you to make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

The Super Crew is a group of construction volunteers whose efforts are supported by ExxonMobil. Volunteers are trained in partnership with Habitat to help build a home. Volunteers also provide financial donations to Habitat to build a home in your community. The Super Crew provides the financial support to help Habitat build one home in your community.

**ReStore**

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**Habitat for Humanity is a blessing to the Greater Baton Rouge community.** In Matthew 25:35 Jesus says that those of us who are expected to be blessed are a blessing to others if we are going to inherit the kingdom. With Habitat, we're turning nosso into a blessing.