



## **About Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working across all 50 states in the U.S. and more than 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, and has helped more than 46 million people achieve strength and stability through safe and affordable shelter. Since founding the local affiliate in 1995, Habitat Oakland has helped nearly 1,400 individuals and families access a continuum of housing support through the following programs:

### **Affordable Housing: The Homeownership Program**

The most well-known flagship offering that enables people to move out of sub-standard housing and into newly built or renovated, affordable homes. Homeowners must demonstrate need, have the ability to pay an affordable mortgage, and dedicate 300 hours of sweat equity.

### **Neighborhood Revitalization: Rock the Block**

Community events that bring homeowners, volunteers, and sponsors together to complete exterior home repairs. Volunteer teams are deployed to homes within a focused neighborhood to fix porches, install fences, replace cracked concrete, clean gutters, and complete landscaping.

### **Financial Counseling: Habitat University**

Financial counseling for prospective homebuyers or anyone seeking to improve their financial health. Through one-on-one sessions with a HUD-certified Housing and Financial Coach, individuals can improve their credit score, reduce debt, increase savings, and build a healthy financial future.

### **Critical Home Repair: Roofs, Ramps, and Repairs**

Home preservation services that help homeowners maintain a safe place to live. The construction team and third-party contractors complete repairs or upgrades focusing on safety, security and accessibility, energy efficiency, and weatherization to keep homes compliant with building codes.

### **ReStores**

ReStores are home improvement outlets and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, cabinets, paint, and other renovation items at a fraction of the retail price.

### **Community Development**

Municipal partnerships to revitalize and improve local neighborhoods where Habitat Oakland serves as the developer to rehab tax-foreclosed homes that are blighted or slated for demolition.

### **Volunteers**

None of the work described above would be possible without the tremendous support of volunteers. Every year, hundreds of volunteers partner with Habitat Oakland to ensure that everyone, everywhere has a safe and decent place to call home.