



## Partnership between Rotary and Habitat

### Service and engagement opportunities for the Rotary network

#### About Habitat

[Habitat for Humanity](#) is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

About 1.6 billion people around the world lack safe, affordable housing due to factors such as:

- Overcrowding
- Little or no access to safe water sources and proper sanitation
- Leaking roofs and crumbling walls
- High rent and increased risk of eviction
- Lack of access to public services, school, work, and medical facilities

Habitat works toward its vision by helping families build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Habitat welcomes volunteers of all races, religions, and nationalities to construct, repair, and improve homes. Since 1976, Habitat and its volunteers have helped more than 29 million people build or improve the place they call home.

#### Habitat for Humanity's areas of emphasis

**Housing and neighborhood revitalization:** Habitat for Humanity improves the housing conditions in partnership with people who lack adequate shelter, contributing to the rejuvenation of their neighborhoods.

**Water and sanitation:** Since access to clean water and proper sanitation is essential to adequate housing, Habitat for Humanity programs in many developing countries work to improve the quality and availability of water and sanitation facilities for low-income households and their communities.

**Economic and community development:** Habitat for Humanity takes a comprehensive approach to community development, emphasizing people's engaged participation to improve their own communities' housing and economic conditions and overall quality of life.

## Rotary and Habitat

Rotary's areas of focus align closely with the vision of Habitat for Humanity to ensure everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works in partnership with supporters, organizations, and community leaders to serve families, boost housing markets, and advocate for improved shelter worldwide. By partnering with Habitat, clubs and districts gain access to technical expertise and can offer support and resources to improve the lives of families and conditions in their communities.

## Service and engagement with Habitat

### For community impact

- Recruit volunteers to build homes or revitalize communities through repairs and other improvement projects where available
- Equip communities with access to clean water and sanitation and improved hygiene practices
- Donate goods and services
- Work together with local community leaders to address housing-related and other needs
- Encourage participation in Global Village trips when available

### For social impact

- Advocate for policy change and raise awareness of the need for affordable housing
- Support women's empowerment
- Engage younger generations in your community to volunteer and lead service opportunities
- Support community member's professional development and provide access to improved employment opportunities

## Partnering with Habitat on service projects

Funding a joint project with Habitat should be the responsibility of all partners. Clubs can consider fundraising in their community, [district and global grants](#), and crowdsourcing to solicit support from the Rotary family and community.

Working with Habitat as a cooperating partner can determine whether a new Rotary Community Corps should be formed. A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of people who are not Rotary members but work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are formed for a specific project, while others tackle larger, entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. Each RCC sets its own goals based on its community's specific needs. As representatives of the community being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they help design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges. Learn more about [Rotary Community Corps](#).

## **Connect with Habitat**

Connect with an area Habitat for Humanity office [in your region of the world](#) to discuss partnership opportunities. You can also email [rotary-partnership@habitat.org](mailto:rotary-partnership@habitat.org) for details on contacting a local Habitat for Humanity office.

## **Share your impact**

How have you collaborated with Habitat? Let us know by contacting [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org) and please include photos if available. Your feedback helps us better support the partnership. Success stories may be shared through Rotary and Habitat media to further inspire local collaboration.