

Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity



Aging in Place and Veteran Repair Program

All People have the **RIGHT** to age with dignity in their homes.

Aging In Place

As Habitat for Humanity looks in the future, we recognize that people are living longer and prefer to age in their homes and communities. Currently 40 million Americans are 65 and older with a projection of 70 million by 2030 (1 in 5 Americans)

Since 2010 Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity has been committed to building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. With a clear vision that everyone deserves a safe, healthy home, Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity expanded their Neighborhood Revitalization program to include Aging in Place which is a holistic approach to provide seniors with housing repairs while connecting them to resources and services in their community.

Through the engagement of local schools, civic service organizations, businesses, faith leaders, non profits and municipal leaders, Habitat can become the “community connector” enabling the senior to obtain necessary resources.

Senior Homeowner cited in senior community for overgrown bush.
St. Joseph Parish Office volunteer and National Women’s Build week.
Bringing a sense of community and belonging to this senior homeowner.



Youth in Action! Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter from Donovan Catholic High School take part in neighborhood revitalization for a senior homeowner in a local senior community.



HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

Aging in Place is a movement to not only enable people to age safely in their homes but also to create an environment where older adults can continue to learn and contribute, develop relationships with people of all ages, maintain a healthy lifestyle, live independently and receive healthcare and support services that are community-based. At the end of the day, a livable community for older adults is a livable community for everyone.



Before



After

Ability to Pay

Homeowners seeking repairs from Habitat must be willing to pay a nominal Cost Recovery fee. Amount is determined based on size of repair job.



Need

Home must be in need of repair. You and your family will be considered if your income falls within our requirements.

income guidelines

| family size | maximum annual income |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$43,020 |
| 2 | \$49,140 |
| 3 | \$55,260 |
| 4 | \$61,380 |
| 5 | \$66,300 |
| 6 | \$71,220 |
| 7 | \$76,140 |
| 8 | \$81,060 |

Repair Program Requirements

- Home must be owner-occupied.
- The home must be the primary residence of the owner.
- Homeowners must be current on mortgage payments and property taxes.
- The home must be insured

Willingness to Partner

When selected, you become a partner with Habitat for Humanity. Homeowners participate in the repair of

Aging in Place flyer sent out to senior communities through senior centers, senior publications and delivery to home.

Habitat's role is transformative!

As the construction team installs grab bars, expands doorways, replaces old tubs with shower installs and builds ramps, the power of volunteerism resonates throughout the house and the community.

Neighbors come out of their homes rejoicing in the fact that their neighbors have help and inquiring about the application process. Many that struggle with isolation feel safe and secure seeking assistance from Habitat for Humanity. As part of Habitat for Humanity's commitment to being a "hand up" not a "hand out" homeowners are required to engage in "sweat equity" (referred to as "service of presence" for our Aging in Place Program.)

Ultimately the goal is to have our homeowners engaging with our volunteers and staff through simple acts of kindness such as preparing lunch for the volunteers. By the time we are ready to leave and pull out the Habitat trucks, trust has been developed, stories have been shared, new friendships made and ultimately healthier community has emerged.

This is Marcia's mobile home. She claimed to have the worst in her community. The windows leaked therefore her heating and cooling bills were extremely high causing her stress. She covered them with plastic but it was still hot/cold.

Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity along with a volunteer group from John Hus Moravian Church from Brooklyn came together to help Marcia. This group has been with us since Super Storm Sandy in 2012.

Marcia now advocates for Habitat's mission work. As part of her "sweat equity" she's handing out Habitat information at table events.



Veteran Repair Program

- Since 2012 Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity has been modifying Veteran homes to provide them with a safe, healthy home. The program is open to all veterans providing they are currently still serving or have received an honorable or general discharge. The criteria for approval is need, willingness to partner and income.
- Do you or a Veteran you know need help with home maintenance or safety issues? Habitat can help low-income Veterans in Northern Ocean County maintain and reside safely within their homes.



Procedure For Assessment (September 2019)

1. After the financial vetting has determined the homeowner(s) is financially eligible an assessment is scheduled. The assessment takes 30-45 minutes.
2. Advise the Construction Director that the assessment is ready to be scheduled and ask for available dates for scheduling. (Typically Thursdays)
3. Call the homeowner to schedule and advise what to expect during the assessment.
4. Upon arrival introductions are made. Homeowner shows the Construction Director the repair issues.
5. Home Services Manager (HSM) talks with the homeowner(s) while the Construction Director is assessing the repairs. Through speaking with the homeowner and observing the living conditions HSM notes if there appear to be needs other than repairs. Ex. food, rodents, evidence of domestic violence, medication, transportation, etc. **If any of the aforementioned is noted, resources and suggestions are made. If the issues are of a sensitive nature a discussion is more appropriate during a follow up phone call from the HSM.** Any additional information provided by the homeowner that may be helpful for the HSC to determine approval of application is noted.
6. Advise the homeowner what to expect next and ask if they have any questions or concerns.
7. After assessment is completed, the Construction Director will prepare a detailed Scope of Work including the itemized costs of the project. Print on blue paper and place on the top right

Thank you!

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