



Adopt a Family Program

How it works:

- Every approved homeowner shall have a church ready to adopt the family
- Habitat for Humanity will match approved families with available churches based on a three point criteria.
- Alternatively, a church may start by sponsoring a house and/or sending volunteers to help build on a given homeowner's house.
- Church members are invited to meet and get to know the homeowner and consider building a relationship with the family.
- During the holiday season, your church may share holiday gifts with the family over Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Following completion of the house, a church may wish to help the family move in. Families usually have various needs with this being the first time they are having a home of their own. A church may request the family to make a wish list and ask church members to help provide the items on the list.
- Invite the family to visit your church for a Sunday service. Also, be open to visiting the family's church if they have one.
- To maintain a lasting relationship with the family, a church may repeat the above things every year.
- Churches are encouraged to be creative in their approach but stay within the organization's mission.
- This is how Habitat and your church will demonstrate the Love & Teachings of Jesus Christ and help build hope for families in need.

Criteria for matching families with churches

- Habitat for Humanity will select qualified homeowners using its family selection criteria
- The faith relations program will recruit churches with a desire to adopt approved families
- Habitat for Humanity will match families with churches based on:
 1. The family's desire to be adopted by a church
 2. The church's strengths in relation to the family's needs
 3. Willingness of all parties to maintain the organization's mission: simple, decent and affordable