



## Fact Sheet for Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, faith-based housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity (WAHFH) is a local affiliate of HFHI serving the central Maine communities of Albion, Belgrade, Benton, China, Clinton, Fairfield, Oakland, Rome, Smithfield, Unity, Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow.

Families seeking a WAHFH house must currently live in our service area and are expected to complete a multi-step application process. This process occurs just before construction of the home. Since we are currently building homes at the rate of only once every 18 months to 2 years, the application period is only open for a short time.

Although we would like to accommodate all of the housing needs in the Waterville area, only one applicant can be chosen at a time. We will choose the applicant who best meets the following criteria:

- The family must have a housing need. For example, currently living in substandard housing, or housing that is beyond their financial means.
- The family must be willing to work in partnership with WAHFH in the construction of their new home.
- The family must be financially able to afford a Habitat house.

Habitat for Humanity does not give houses away. Habitat houses are purchased by the partner families. Three factors make Habitat houses affordable to low-income people worldwide:

- Houses are sold at cost, with no or very low interest charged on the mortgage.
- Homeowners and volunteers build the houses under trained supervision.
- Individuals, businesses, faith groups and others provide financial support.

Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity is committed to the success of its chosen partner families. Not only will they receive a simple, decent, affordable house, but we will work to ensure that they have the skills and training to maintain the new home and manage the financial responsibilities that come with home ownership.

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