

About Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester

Habitat for Humanity Metro West/Greater Worcester (HFH MWGW) serves 42 cities and towns in the Greater Worcester and MetroWest communities. Headquartered in Worcester Massachusetts, HFH MWGW is an independent 501 (c) 3 organization affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical faith-based organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing, homelessness worldwide, and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety. People of all faiths and races are encouraged to participate as homeowners and as volunteers.

HFH MWGW was founded in 1985 by local activists who identified the need for affordable housing opportunities in the Greater Worcester area and were committed to engaging groups of community stakeholders in solving the affordable housing problem. Habitat offers an opportunity for community residents to partner with families in need of housing, to work side-by-side with volunteers to build homes.

Following the motto "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out," HFH MWGW builds houses with families, not for them. Habitat partner families earn between 30% – 60% of the area median income and do not qualify for conventional mortgages. We sell our homes to pre-qualified family-partners with interest-free mortgages at a price based on 30% of family income, less the estimated costs of taxes, insurance and utilities.

A Habitat family continues to benefit from organizational support after becoming a homeowner. Our mission is to maintain a partnership with families. We offer support, educational opportunities, and loan maintenance to our homeowners. Habitat strengthens communities by helping families help themselves. Families are able to break free from the cycle of poverty through the availability of stable housing. Simple, decent, and affordable housing can have a profound impact on stabilizing a family, providing long-term security and improving the capacity of families to engage and give back to their neighborhoods and communities.

Over the past 30 years, HFH MWGW has completed 36 homes, providing permanent, stable homes for over 150 adults and children. Our future homes will be in Worcester, Auburn, and Holliston with planning underway in several other communities. The magic of Habitat is the level of community involvement and support garnered for each project. Literally, hundreds of community residents of all ages contribute time with fundraising, outreach and construction efforts.

The life-changing work of HFH-MW/GW helps families become stakeholders in their own communities and, in the process, helps strengthen the neighborhood and communities in which we all live, work, and play!



Our Service Area

Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester serves 42 cities and towns within MetroWest and Greater Worcester: Ashland, Auburn, Barre, Boylston, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Framingham, Grafton, Holden, Holliston, Hopkinton, Leicester, Marlborough, Millbury, Natick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Wayland, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough, and Worcester. [Click here for more information on our builds!](#)

All are welcome

Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester has an open door policy: All who believe that everyone needs a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to help with the work, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, political views or any of the other distinctions that too often divide people. In short, Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race or religion. As a matter of policy, Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organization do not proselytize. This means that Habitat will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must either adhere to or convert to a particular faith, or listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Founded in Americus, Georgia, USA, in 1976, Habitat for Humanity today operates around the globe and has helped build, renovate and repair more than 600,000 decent, affordable houses sheltering more than 3 million people worldwide. Visit www.habitat.org for more information

More questions? We're happy to help!

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