

HABITAT SMALL WORKS PROJECTS Information Sheet

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is an International Housing Ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing. Volunteers work in partnership with the family in need of this mission.

HERKIMER COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is an affiliate of the larger International organization. Habitat is a not-for-profit organization, registered with the state of New York. In addition to building homes in partnership with a family, Herkimer County Habitat also undertakes two Small Works Projects each year.

THE PURPOSE OF A SMALL WORKS PROJECT is to make small repairs to homes owned by families that meet income guidelines. Conditions that affect the structural integrity, heating, plumbing, safety, or accessibility of the home are our priority. The cost of repairs generally does not exceed \$1500.

WHAT IS YOUR PART IN THIS? (1) To be selected as a partner family, you must indicate a willingness to be our partner in the work. This is called "sweat equity". You will work as much as possible on the project with the volunteers. This will involve clean-up, providing drinks, snacks or meals, and as much physical help as you are able. Before work on the project begins, you must contribute 4 hours of sweat equity. (2) While the initial materials are purchased by Habitat, you are expected to develop with us a repayment schedule for the cost of these materials. Repayment is generally made in less than 20 months. There is never any interest charged, and there is no charge for the labor of the volunteers.

INCOME GUIDELINES: A family can be considered within our guidelines if their total gross income, presently calculated, does not exceed 50% of the County Median Income for families, size 1-4, and/or 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for families size 5-8 and beyond. There must be enough income so that repayment costs do not burden the family. Currently, this range is about \$14,000 to \$40,000. Consideration of families closely above the guidelines will depend on special situations (e.g., permanently disabled head of household).

Please complete the Small Works Application and mail to the address below. The Small Works Committee will review your application and arrange to meet with you. Our ability to undertake a project depends on the availability of skilled volunteers. Thank you for applying to be considered for a Small Works Project with Herkimer County Habitat for Humanity.



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