

EAST PASCO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS East Pasco Habitat for Humanity?

East Pasco Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry seeking to eliminate poverty housing and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people from all walks of life to work together with families in need. Since its start in 1994, East Pasco Habitat for Humanity has built or rehabilitated 45 homes (most of which were built in the last four years) throughout East Pasco County.

WHAT DOES East Pasco Habitat for Humanity do and how does it work?

Habitat for Humanity is not a give-away program. Habitat builds houses *with* East Pasco families in need. Volunteer labor is used to build houses to keep building costs low. Partner Families invest a minimum of 400 hundred hours of their own labor-sweat equity into building their houses and the houses of others. As Habitat homeowners pay their mortgages, the money goes into a revolving fund that helps build houses with other families. Habitat for Humanity, International was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller along with his wife, Linda.

HOW are Partner Families selected?

We accept applications from local families on a year-round, on-going basis. Our Family Selection Committee reviews the applications and chooses families based on need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the no-interest mortgage. Neither race, disability, creed, gender, age, nor national origin is a factor in choosing partner families.

WHERE are East Pasco Habitat for Humanity houses built and who builds them?

We are currently preparing to build 5 homes on 8th Avenue and 5 homes on 21st Street in Dade City. Twenty-eight homes have been completed near Moore Mickens School off of Martin Luther King Boulevard and seventeen more will be constructed in the near future. Four homes in that area were dedicated in the first half of 2007. From 1999-2001, eight homes were completed in the Osceola Street area of Dade City with two additional houses in Dade City, three in Zephyrhills and one in Crystal Springs. EPHFH will dedicate our 50th home on March 1, 2008. We are a volunteer-driven organization and volunteers do the majority of the work on the construction of the homes.

HOW big is a Habitat house and how much does one cost?

In East Pasco County, the average selling price for a home is \$62,700—this includes land cost. The typical house built by Habitat has 1150 sq. ft. of living area with a small storage room and porch. Most houses have three bedrooms and one bathroom. These houses do not have garages or carports. They are affordable to low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale of the house and no interest charged on the mortgage. The mortgages are financed for 30 years.

HOW does East Pasco Habitat for Humanity get money to build houses?

East Pasco Habitat for Humanity holds fundraisers through the community. We receive money from churches business, corporations organizations and individuals along with support from local cities. Habitat now accepts government funding for homes and community infrastructure as well as donations of land. We offer tangible results for each donation: decent, affordable housing for a low income family and neighborhood improvement through home ownership. We offer Build Partnerships to individuals as well as companies who want to “give back” to the community.

HOW can I become involved with East Pasco Habitat for Humanity?

There are many different ways you can volunteer with East Pasco Habitat for Humanity. We welcome individuals as well as groups to help on the construction. Our ReStore is located at the Dade City Business Center (352-523-2020) and there is always a need for help. We have many other areas where volunteers are welcomed.....

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