



Waterville Area Habitat For Humanity builds a newly constructed, affordable home for a partner family every three (3) years on average. Although we would like to accommodate all of the housing needs in the Waterville area, only one applicant can be chosen at a time. For our build in 2023, we will choose the applicant who best meets the following criteria:

- The person applying for the home must be an Honorably Discharged veteran of the US Armed Forces
- 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:**

1. Houses are sold at cost, with no or very low interest charged on the mortgage.
2. Homeowners and volunteers build the houses under trained supervision.
3. 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.



## 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 substandard 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.

1. Our mission is to build houses *with* families; therefore, we require our partner families provide up to 200 hours of *Sweat Equity* toward the building of their home. That may or may not mean help with construction.
2. If approved, you will need to pay “earnest money” of \$200 at the time that you are accepted as a partner family. If you decide to withdraw from your WAHFH partnership, or if your participation is otherwise terminated prior to completion, this payment will be refunded to you.
3. In 2023, we have committed to build for a veteran. Please provide your valid DD214 certificate.

We will verify employment, military service and the balances in checking and savings accounts. We will ask for references from your current and previous landlords, perform a credit check and ask you for credit references.

If you believe you qualify and are willing to become a partner in building your own home, we encourage you to fill out and return the enclosed application. All information is considered confidential and is to be used only for family selection.

Reminder: **we are willing to help you fill out this application.** If you have any questions please call (207) 616-7275 and leave a message.

Applications can be sent to: Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity  
P.O. Box 1972  
Waterville, ME 04903-1972

**Applications must be received by July 31, 2023.**

Sincerely,

*Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee*