

Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity seeks families in need of affordable shelter

Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity seeks families in need of affordable shelter to partner with Habitat as future homeowners.



Rev. Jeff Barrett, Habitat CEO and pastor at Genesis Community Church in Montgomery, invites prospective partner families to apply.

According to Rev. Barrett, qualifications to become a Habitat homeowner are:

- Need for housing due to overcrowding, unsafe conditions, cost.
- Ability to repay no-interest mortgage held by Habitat.
- Willingness to volunteer 500 hours of "sweat equity" on Habitat homes or at fundraisers and other events.
- Earn 30 to 80 percent of average median income.



Rev. Barrett said, "Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity needs help to help local families that are currently renting or living with relatives that do not qualify for a bank mortgage to buy their own home.

"Many area families are living in substandard apartments, moving frequently to find a better place to live and many spend over half of their income on rent. With Fox Valley Habitat, they can own a beautiful affordable home that never exceeds 30 percent of their income. Often their mortgage payment including principal, interest, taxes and insurance is less than the cost to rent.

"All of our Habitat families say they were not going to apply because they were positive they would not be accepted.

However, we specialize in families that banks won't accept.

"Please help us find families that need our hand up to transform their lives through affordable housing," Rev. Barrett said.

Founded in 1988, Fox Valley Habitat partners with Aurora, North Aurora and Montgomery families to provide affordable shelter. With offices at Genesis Community Church in Montgomery, Fox Valley Habitat is a nonprofit affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a worldwide housing ministry.

For more information, call (630) 859-3333, email J.Barrett@foxvalleyhabitat.org or visit foxvalleyhabitat.org.

PHOTO (top): Workers for Mom and Sons Construction Company of Aurora place trusses at Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity's duplex underway at 729-731 Grove St. in Aurora. Habitat hopes to resume building by volunteer teams next month. (Al Benson photo)

PHOTO (bottom): Workers for Mom and Sons Construction Company of Aurora prepare trusses for placement Friday at Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity's duplex underway at 729-731 Grove St. in Aurora. Habitat hopes to resume building by volunteer teams next month. (Al Benson photo)