

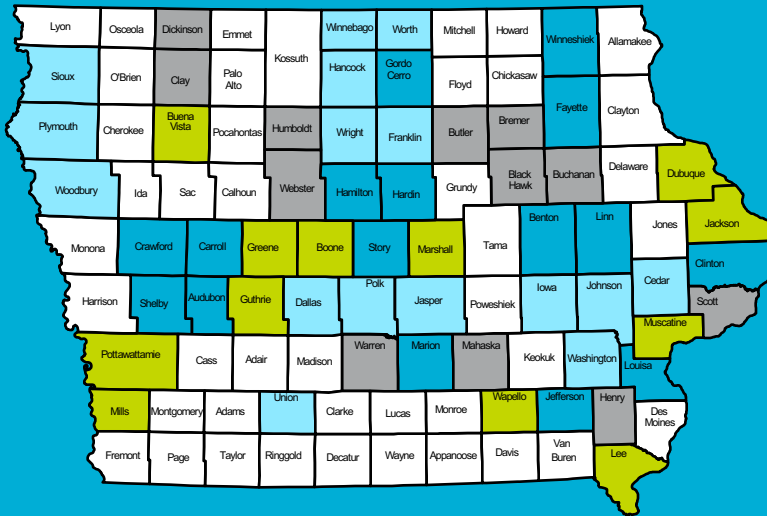


Housing is a Vaccine:

the connection of health and housing

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Where Habitat is located throughout Iowa.....



Habitat Model

- Local Habitat for Humanity Affiliates
 - 27 local affiliates covering 56 counties
- Partner with families to offer housing solutions
 - New home construction
 - Rehabilitation
 - Repairs of existing homes

Partner Family Requirements

- Be in need of decent, affordable housing.
- Fall within income guidelines
 - 30% to 80% of the area median income
- Complete a minimum of 250 “sweat equity” hours.
- Complete homebuyer education courses
- Must live in the community for a certain period of time. (this differs between locations)

Volunteer Component

- Habitat utilizes volunteers to assist with construction. Volunteer opportunities differ by location.



A hand up, not a hand out...

- Families purchase Habitat homes with an affordable mortgage. Houses are not given away.
- Payment is based on no more than 30% of a household's monthly income.
- Repairs for existing homeowners will have a repayment component also.

Our Families...



Our work in Marshalltown...



Immediate Clean-Up Phase:

Stabilized 104 homes

- Tarps, boarded windows, debris removal

Mobilized 451 volunteers in 2 weeks

New Mobile Response Team

Marshalltown 2019 Goal:

- 100 Homes Repaired
- \$1Million raised for materials



Health and Housing Data:

- RDG Planning & Design; 2012 Iowa Housing Study, Conducted for the Iowa Finance Authority, January 2013
 - Iowa's senior population is expected to grow by 26%
 - A high portion of elderly renters and homeowners need modification to remain safe in their homes.
 - Iowa's housing inventory is aging and in need of repair. Over 50% of the housing stock is over 50 years old.
 - Lead, Asbestos, Mold are large problems across Iowa.
- Wilder Research; Impacts of Habitat Homeownership: Connections to Quality of Life, February 2015
 - Of homeowners who have a family member with respiratory illnesses, 57% health improved after moving into a clean, healthy Habitat home.

Housing Resources

www.houseiowa.org

A one stop website for affordable housing resources across the state.