

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

How to Start to Plan for a Habitat Build in Your State

“How does a state start to plan or where do we begin, if we want to build a Habitat house in our state?” The best place to start is to go to www.habitat.org/cd/local to find out where the local affiliates in your state are located and to get the phone numbers for the local affiliates. When the site opens, scroll down to your state, hit search, (leave the other spots blank) and all the affiliates in your state will be listed. Then contact the affiliates in the areas where you might be interested in building (probably an area where you have a court or several courts that can coordinate the build), to tell them what you would like to do and to find out approximately how much it costs to build in that area. You will probably want to call several affiliates that would be possible locations as the prices of homes vary considerably with location.

Once you have an idea of the cost of the home and know whether the Affiliate is willing to work with you, a plan needs to be developed to raise the funds to build the house. National CDA will give up to about \$20,000 as their contribution to the State/National CDA sponsored house. You will then want to contact the National Chair of CDA Habitat with the information regarding the location and cost of the proposed house in order to get your state’s name on the list for the year in which you wish to build.

Priorities for Choosing a State in which to Build

In order to qualify to build a National Habitat house, a State must:

1. Have contacted the Habitat Affiliates in their state and have a cost estimate for the house.
2. Have a plan to show that they will have the funds needed by the state—the amount needed will vary depending on the cost of the house but between National and State, you will need the total cost of the house (National will provide up to \$20,000, provided they have that amount in the National account.)
3. Send an email, a letter, or call the National Habitat chair, informing her of their desire to build a Habitat house in their state and giving her the information regarding the location and cost of the proposed house and the year you wish to build.

If more than one state asks to build a Habitat house in the same year, and all meet the previous criteria, priority will be established using the following guidelines:

1. If a disaster has occurred in the state and the state wants to rebuild someone’s home that has been struck by the disaster, they will be given first priority.
2. Any state who has not built a Habitat home before will be given next priority.
3. States that are building a second or third house, would be given priority according to the number of their build; i.e. if a state that has only built one house asks to build and a state who has already built two houses asks to build, the state who had only built one previous house would get priority.
4. If everything else is equal, the State Chairman who contacts the National Chairman the earliest stating that they want to build a Habitat house in their state, would get priority.

Schedule for Distributing Checks to Habitat Affiliate

The check from National will be given to the Habitat Affiliate when the house is two thirds completed. It will be the responsibility of the State Habitat chairman to notify the National Chairman when the house is two thirds completed and give her the name and address of the person at the Affiliate to whom the check should be sent. The check will be made out to the Affiliate.

Habitat for Humanity Homes

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	Location	Date of Build
1	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	October 22, 1995
2	Albany, New York	October 20, 1996
3	Riverside, California	June 6, 1998
4	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	April 24, 1999
5	Lakewood, New Jersey	October 17, 1999
6	Dilworth, Minnesota	October 21, 2001
7	Port Jervis, New York	September 27, 2003
8	Corpus Christi, Texas	October 16, 2004
9	Weston, West Virginia	June 25, 2005
10	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
11	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
12	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
13	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
14	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
15	Diocese of Gunther, Indonesia	June 2005
16	Brockton, Massachusetts	February 24, 2007
17	Williamsburg, Virginia	June 30, 2007
18	Owatonna, Minnesota	August 11, 2007
19	Lake Charles, Louisiana	August 12, 2008
20	Wichita Falls, Texas	October 20, 2007
21	Pahuacan, Mexico	March 22, 2008
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24	Pahuacan, Mexico	March 22, 2008
25	Marana, Arizona	November 20, 2010
26	Haiti	March, 2010
27	Eagle Lake, Texas	March, 2011
28	10 partial sponsorship houses with Gummi Bears in MN	2002-2013
29	Pasco, Washington	December 17, 2011
30	Victoria, TX	2012
31	New Orleans, LA	2013
32	Porterville, CA	2013-2014
33	Corpus Christie, TX	September 19, 2015
34	Edinburg, TX	2017-2018
35	Richland, North Carolina (Refurbished)	2019
36	Fergus Falls,	
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