New Orleans Area
Habitat for Humanity®

For more than 30 years, NOAHH has been building new, affordable homes in partnership with sponsors, volunteers and low-income families. NOAHH has built over 500 houses since our founding, over 400 of which came after the storms of 2005. NOAHH also gutted 2,400 homes, completed 15 rehabs, and coordinated over 150,000 volunteers since the storms. According to a 2012 study from EMH Strategy, NOAHH contributed over $300 million in economic impact between 2006 and 2012.

The cornerstone of the early recovery projects was the 77-home Musicians' Village in the Upper Ninth Ward, founded by Harry Connick, Jr., Branford Marsalis, and NOAHH Executive Director Jim Pate. Musicians' Village features a toddler-friendly pocket park and the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music, a school and community center with programs to held local youth and regular concerts. Other major projects included the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in 2008 and the 5th Anniversary Blitz Build in 2010 that commemorated five years of progress after Hurricane Katrina. This year, the affiliate began its commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with the 2015 AmeriCorps Build-A-Thon on America St., building 10 homes in 10 days with the help of hundreds of active service AmeriCorps and alumni from Habitat for Humanity affiliates around the country.

The NOAHH homeownership program helps hard working families become homeowners that might otherwise be unable to buy a home by using volunteer labor (lead by qualified construction staff) and licensed subcontractors. This allows NOAHH to offer a 0% interest mortgage, and in lieu of a financial down payment, NOAHH's partner families provide 350 hours of "sweat equity," or volunteer hours in the ReStore and on the build site (including 100 hours working on their own home). Families also earn hours by attending financial fitness and home repair classes, and their children can help them earn hours with good grades.

NOAHH also offers a number of other services and programs that help support our mission to eliminate poverty housing:

ReStore:

The ReStore is NOAHH's retail outlet that sells donated furniture and construction materials at discounted rates. All funds go to NOAHH's programs, and the donated materials are kept from going to landfills while also providing affordable options to the local community. To learn more, visit the ReStore website here:

www.nola-restore.org

A Brush With Kindness (ABWK):

ABWK is NOAHH's home repair program. Volunteers and staff work directly with homeowners who would otherwise be unable to fix their homes because of financial difficulties, age, or disability, allowing them to stay in the neighborhoods they've lived in for decades. This year, NOAHH has completed its 100th ABWK project. To learn more, visit our ABWK site here:

www.habitat-nola.org/homes-and-services/home-repair-services/

Habitat Urban Gardens (HUG):

The HUG program allows local nonprofits, businesses, and individuals to rent NOAHH's unused lots to grow urban gardens. These gardens grow produce, plant trees, and produce honey for the communities they are in either by direct donations, through farmer's markets, or by providing fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs to local restaurants. Currently, NOAHH's HUG partners have over 30 gardens throughout the city. To learn more, visit our HUG site here:

www.habitat-nola.org/homes-and-services/habitat-urban-gardens/

Attack the Block:

In order to address issues of blight and neighborhood revitalization, NOAHH hosts Attack the Block events in areas where the affiliate builds. These events focus on neighborhood cleanup, repairs at local playgrounds and parks, and community partnerships. NAOHH has held two Attack the Block programs this year, and a total of 14 since the program began in 2012. To learn more, read our Attack the Block page here:

www.habitat-nola.org/volunteer/programs/