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Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County Fact Sheet

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building safe, decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need. It is a worldwide, grass-roots movement with more than 2,100 active affiliates in 100 countries.

Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest loans. Volunteers of all walks of life construct the homes and support Habitat for Humanity locally.

- More than 20 percent of Monroe County residents live in poverty, the highest percentage in Indiana.
- An employee earning minimum wage needs to work 82 hours per week every week of the year to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Monroe County.
- With more than 100 homes built, Monroe County's affiliate has maintained a zero percent foreclosure rate.
- Averaging about 10 homes built every year, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County has housed more than 350 people, more than 200 of them were children.
- Monroe volunteers give more than 12,000 hours of their time and save Habitat more than \$4 million each year.

Each adult member living in a Habitat home must put in 250 hours of volunteering, called "sweat equity," on his or her own and other Habitat for Humanity homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County is currently building in its new neighborhood, Cedar Chase, located on Bloomington's southwest side.

Additionally, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County operates a Habitat ReStore, located at 300 W. 11th Street in Bloomington. The ReStore collects donated building materials, home improvement items and furnishings and sells them to the public at a discounted price. All proceeds from the sales go directly to Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County to fund more home construction. The ReStore offers free pick-up and all donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, visit www.monroecountyhabitat.org.

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