



About *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* Home Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity's *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* Home Repair Program is an interior/exterior home preservation service that offers painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, weather stripping and minor repair services for homeowners in need. NHN helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, reclaim their homes with pride and dignity.

Services can include:

- Accessibility Modifications
- Carpentry Repairs
- Electrical Repairs
- Plumbing Repairs
- Doors/Windows Repairs
- General Cleaning
- Landscaping
- Grounds Maintenance
- Weather Stripping
- Safety Repairs

NHN serves as a companion to Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County's core building services, enabling us to serve more families and increase opportunities for volunteers and sponsors.

How we do it

- Habitat selects partner families based on income, need and willingness to partner.
- Habitat uses volunteer labor and donated materials to keep costs low and take no profit for their services.
- A no-interest loan is made to the homeowner to cover the cost of the project. Payments made by the homeowners are placed in a revolving fund to help *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* serve others in need.



Why it matters

Neighbors Helping Neighbors ensures that families live in safe and well-maintained homes. The program is designed to revitalize the appearance of the neighborhood, encourage connections within the community, and most importantly, help preserve affordable housing stock.

Once a homeowner's eligibility is determined and their application is accepted, Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County's ***Neighbors Helping Neighbors*** program provides caring volunteer groups who come alongside and assist homeowners in completing their repairs.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors is about connecting people and restoring homes through simple acts of kindness so that homeowners can once again live in a safe and decent home.



Our Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

What is HfHAC?

- We are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization;
- We partner with people of all backgrounds, races and faiths;
- We build and repair simple, decent, affordable homes in collaboration with volunteers and partner families.

Who does HfHAC serve?

- We serve hard-working, low-income families who have annual incomes between 30-60% of the Average Median Income in Archuleta County;
- We serve families who have a demonstrated need for better shelter;
- We serve families who cannot afford a conventional loan, but are able to make minimal monthly loan payments;
- We serve families who want to work on the construction or repair of their home through sweat equity.
- We work in partnership with businesses, churches, other organizations, and individuals who want to share their time and expertise;
- We work with dedicated volunteers from all over the country who share their time and energy to HfHAC;
- Funds from the loan payments are used to help serve more families in Archuleta County.



Why HfHAC matters

- HfHAC builds a stronger community when people come together to build and repair houses; neighborhoods are improved and people of all backgrounds work for a common cause;
- Since 1994 we have built 24 homes in Archuleta County for more than 100 people, including nearly 80 children;
- In a study by the Region 9 Economic District, data showed the average livable wage for a family of 4 renting a three-bedroom place is approximately \$57,533. Yet, 40% of the jobs in Archuleta County are in the service sector where the average wage is approximately \$17,000;
- According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 24% of children under age 18 in Archuleta County live below in poverty compared to the Colorado state average of 17%.

“Few material things anchor a family more securely than homeownership. A house of one’s own provides security, stability, and dignity, and it encourages responsibility, discourages transience and makes one a stakeholder in one’s community.”

~Ron Sider, *Just Generosity: A New Vision for Overcoming Poverty in America* (1999)

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