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Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh seeks applicants for homes

Habitat Oshkosh is currently seeking applications on a rolling basis for homes that will be built this next year.

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh has been building homes for low-income families since 1990, said Steve Hoopman, Executive Director of the local Habitat chapter.

In the past 20 years the organization has built 18 homes in the city of Oshkosh.

This year Habitat Oshkosh is looking at a record year of home constructions and therefore, need qualified applicants. Because of economic instability people are wearier in purchasing a home, but partnering with Habitat creates stability for the community and your family.

Experts long have said that homeowners tend to be more active in their communities than renters, and pay consistently into the community tax base.

Experts also say that children's learning suffers when families have to move several times in one year in search of rents that are within their financial means.

Homeowner families are chosen according to their need, their ability to repay the no-profit, no-interest mortgage, and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. Applicants must have 30% to 50% of median income in Oshkosh area, have a steady source of income, and must be willing to partner with us and put in, 250hrs for a 1 adult family and 500hrs for a 2 adult family, of "sweat equity".

"People usually don't think that they qualify, they need a friend or family member to show them the information," shares Hoopman, "If you know of someone that may qualify tell them to contact us and we will help them figure it out."

Habitat Oshkosh is also offering an optional Homeowner Orientation on Thursday, February 4 at 6:00pm held at the 1st Congressional Church at 137 Algoma Boulevard. At this orientation potential homeowners can learn about the application process and ask questions to Habitat staff and the Family Selection Committee.

Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are reinvested to build more Habitat houses in the Oshkosh community.

If interested or know someone who might be interested please contact the Habitat office at 920.235.3535 or visit the website to learn more and print out an application; www.habitatoshkosh.org.

Volunteer and donation opportunities are always available. Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.