



*For families living in poverty, a place to lay one's head each night can be far from restful. When housing is unstable, there's no reprieve from concerns about safety, space to grow, health, or walls literally crumbling around you. Families inquire with Habitat often when hope is nearly gone.*



## (1) Hope is Nearly Gone



## (2) Chosen



*Simply receiving news of selection for a Habitat Home can seem like cause for celebration! However, there's a lot of work to be done. With the real possibility of a better future within reach, many new Habitat families can't wait to dig in.*



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### (3) Sweating to get Ahead



*For families already working long hours to make ends meet, a commitment to work 500 hours of “sweat equity” can mean giving up weekends for over a year. It can be a grueling time. In the process, however, these families develop the skills and responsibility to fully take care of and appreciate the home they will own.*





*Sweat equity is more than just hard work! Families get to know their future neighbors and build alongside supportive community members, creating bonds that will last a lifetime in their future homes. The camaraderie is contagious, so everyone wants to be part of the fun!*

## (4) Building Community



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## (5) Completion



*Eventually, the work is done. We can clean the paint from our nails and join together with new friends, as changed people, in joy and mutual awe of the thing we have accomplished. The home is beautiful—even more so because it represents deep roots in the community, and will provide space for continued stability, growth, and giving back.*



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## (6) Seeing the Future



*Entering one's finished Habitat home for the first time is where dreams come true, and new dreams begin hatching. Signing a mortgage and starting to decorate makes it official—the home is yours. Because it's permanent, each room is a blank slate where it's safe to start writing the new story of your family's future.*



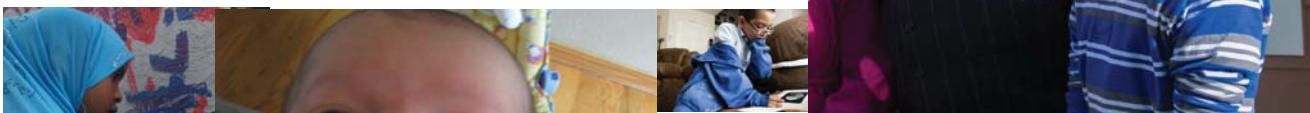
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## (7) Lasting Change



*To see the full impact of a Habitat home over decades, we look for evidence of lasting change: gratitude in homeowners dedicated to paying it forward from what they've received; graduation ceremonies that attest to a stable place to study; and the faces of children full of freedom and possibility. Rather than ending with a home, the Habitat journey remains in the life of a family and community, contributing for generations to come.*

