



Almost Heaven

# Habitat for Humanity®

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<i>Please Print</i>				<b>Pre-Application for Housing</b>			
<b>Applicant Name(s):</b>		First		Last			
1.							
2.							
<b>Current Address:</b>				<b>Mailing Address (if different):</b>			
Street/PO Box				Street/PO Box			
City				City			
State				State			
Zip				Zip			
<b>Telephone Number(s):</b>		Name:		Name:			
Home:							
Work:							
Cell:							
<b>E-mail Address:</b>							
<b>Total number of people to live in the new household:</b>		Adults:		Children:			
<b>Why do you think your current housing is inadequate?</b>							
<b>Families that are selected are required to invest in their homes through “sweat equity”, which means working on “theirs and “others” homes. Is your family willing to do this?</b>						YES / NO	
<b>List all sources of income/assistance and monthly gross amount (before taxes) for each and every member of the household. (Examples: Job at XYZ Company - \$475, Social Security - \$128, or Child Support-\$150)</b>							
1.	\$	5.	\$				
2.	\$	6.	\$				
3.	\$	7.	\$				
4.	\$	8.	\$				
<b>Return completed pre-application to the above address</b>				Office Use Only			



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Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing from Pendleton County and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. By having Partner Families and volunteers work together in equal partnership, Habitat builds new relationships and a sense of community as well as many new houses. Habitat looks for people who are willing to work on other families' homes and their own, who will be responsible about their house payments and home maintenance, and who will spread the good news of Habitat's ministry to the rest of the community.

Through volunteer labor and donated materials & funds, Habitat builds houses with the help of the new homeowners, or Partner Families, and volunteers. While the labor is free of charge to the Partner Families, the cost of the building materials and any contracted labor is repaid to the affiliate by the family's low monthly payments. These payments are placed into the revolving "Fund for Humanity" which is used to build even more houses.

**Critical Housing Need**

- Total family income from all sources falls within the guidelines on the chart below
- Current home is overcrowded (two families living in one home, or lack of adequate number of bedrooms)
- Unsafe (physical deterioration beyond reasonable repair)
- Financial burden (monthly housing expenses exceed a certain % of monthly income)

**Ability to pay for home**

- Reliable source of income
- Ability to assume responsibility for a 20-year mortgage
- Demonstrated ability to manage your financial resources (credit history review)

**Willingness to Partner**

- Help further the Habitat for Humanity ministry by performing "sweat equity"
  - Sweat equity is assisting in construction of your home and of others
    - It may also include clearing a lot, providing food for volunteers or office help
    - 250 hours of sweat equity per able bodied adult is required
    - Family/friends can receive credit of up to 70 hours on your behalf
- Willing to work with Habitat for Humanity through individualized credit & debt management counseling.

In calculating your total yearly income, add together all sources of monthly income for every member of your household who would be expected to live in the Habitat home. Multiply the monthly total by 12. Sources of income include, but are not limited to: gross (before taxes) earned income, Social Security benefits, child support, tips, etc.

**2010 Income Guidelines**

Number of people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Minimum</b> yearly income	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600
<b>Maximum</b> yearly income	\$21,084	\$24,090	\$27,096	\$30,1034	\$32,500	\$34,937	\$37,334

*Selection is not based on any affiliation with a church or religion, nor is it necessary to own land for the home.*

If you are interested in home ownership through this program, please complete the Preliminary Application for Housing and return it to the address above. This information will be used in determining eligibility for the full application process. Information provided will remain confidential.

*A staff member will contact you within 2 weeks of receiving your pre-application.*