



Habitat for Humanity.....Where Dreams Come True

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Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is an international organization that helps make the dream of home ownership for inner-city families become reality.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller and Linda Fuller in Americus, Georgia. HFH has something called “sweat equity” hours, which means that every family that is chosen to receive a house has to contribute a certain amount of time volunteering with the program.

There are many different ways to fulfill the time. One option is working at the ReStore, which is a store that has many items that you can buy to help fix up your home, and all of the money goes towards building new homes for families. There are also workshops that teach you different skills. For instance, my mom and I went to a workshop that taught us how to use different tools and how to measure and cut wood. You can also do things like babysitting for the parents that are volunteering, or even fixing lunches for the volunteers.

In 2009, HFH will be building five new homes. In August of 2008, my family and I found out that we were chosen for one of those homes. We are all very excited and can't wait for the process to begin. It's so nice to see that strangers, as well as friends are willing to spend their time volunteering to help others. I never thought much about volunteering before, but since I've been helping out with this program, I know that I will definitely volunteer again, and again. My family and I know how fortunate we are to be involved with a program like Habitat. Hopefully this program will continue for many years to come because it is great for the entire community.