

East Cooper Habitat for Humanity Media Kit: Frequently Asked Questions

What is East Cooper Habitat for Humanity?

East Cooper Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry that believes that every man, woman, and child should have a decent, safe, and affordable place to live. Using volunteer labor and donations, East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, which is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, builds houses in the East Cooper community. The organization's partner families purchase these houses through no-profit, affordable mortgage loans.

How does the process work?

Habitat homes are built utilizing volunteer labor and donations. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, known as sweat equity, into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. These houses are then sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are 'recycled' to build still more East Cooper Habitat for Humanity houses.

How can an individual or a family apply for an East Cooper Habitat for Humanity house?

Those interested in applying for an East Cooper Habitat for Humanity home must attend a Homeownership Application Seminar. Information can be found on the "Home Ownership" page of the [East Cooper Habitat for Humanity](http://www.eastcooperhabitat.org) website or by calling the administrative office at 843-881-2600.

How are families selected to receive a Habitat home?

The affiliate's family selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program, and their ability to repay the loan. East Cooper Habitat for Humanity follows a non-discriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive an East Cooper Habitat for Humanity home.

Where does East Cooper Habitat for Humanity operate?

With an administrative office located in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., East Cooper Habitat for Humanity serves communities east of the Cooper River, including Mt. Pleasant, Awendaw, McClellanville, Cainhoy, Wando, Huger, Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, and Daniel Island.

How are donations distributed and used?

East Cooper Habitat for Humanity relies on gifts from individuals, corporations, and other groups to fund the organization's house-building mission. All donations of any amount are deeply appreciated and help build more decent, affordable houses with more families.

Who controls and manages East Cooper Habitat for Humanity?

A board of directors comprised of individuals concerned with the problems of poverty housing in the local community oversees the operation of East Cooper Habitat for Humanity. The affiliate office is run by a professional administrative staff with the support of volunteers.

How can an individual become a volunteer?

Those interested in volunteering should visit www.eastcooperhabitat.org for additional details, or contact East Cooper Habitat for Humanity's volunteer coordinator.