



## Small Works Project Information Sheet

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is an International Housing Ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing. Volunteers work in partnership with a family in need of this mission.

HERKIMER COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Herkimer County Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit organization, registered with the state of New York. In addition to building homes in partnership with a family, Habitat also undertakes Small Works Projects each year.

THE PURPOSE OF A SMALL WORKS PROJECT is to make small repairs to homes owned by families that meet income guidelines and housing repair need. Conditions that affect the structural integrity, heating, plumbing, safety, or accessibility of the home are a priority. The cost of repairs generally will not exceed \$8000 (repayment length is dependent on the project cost with a maximum of 5 years).

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

**PARTNERSHIP:** To be selected as an approved project, you must indicate a willingness to be our partner in the project. This is called "sweat equity". As partners you will work as much as possible on the project with the volunteers. This may involve clean-up, providing drinks, snacks or meals, and as much physical help as you are able. Before work on the project begins, you must contribute 4 hours of sweat equity. Materials are purchased by Habitat and we will work with you to develop a repayment schedule for the cost of these materials. Repayment is determined by the cost of the materials and payments will not exceed \$135 per month. There is never any interest charged, and there is no labor charge as all work is performed by volunteers.

**INCOME GUIDELINES:** A household's annual income can be considered within our guidelines if their total gross income is sufficient so that repayment costs do not cost burden the family. Currently, this range is approximately \$14,000 to \$40,000. Each project will be considered for approval by the Board of Directors using all applicant information and volunteer availability.

Please complete the Small Works Application and mail to the address below. The Small Works Committee will review your application and arrange to meet with you. Our ability to undertake a project depends on many factors including the availability of skilled volunteers. Thank you for applying to be considered for a Small Works Project with Herkimer County Habitat for Humanity.

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