



*He hana me ka lei aloha o ke Akua mau loa
Building with God's everlasting lei of love*

FACT SHEET

What is Kauai Habitat for Humanity?

Kauai Habitat for Humanity is a local Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, which is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. Kauai Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, starting here on Kauai and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

What has Kauai Habitat accomplished?

Kauai Habitat was founded in 1993 after hurricane Iniki struck the island and since then has completed 106 houses around the island from Hanalei to Kekaha, providing 550 people with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

What is Kauai Habitat doing right now?

Kauai Habitat is currently building homes on scattered sites throughout Kauai and will soon work with DHHL again to build 5 more homes in Anahola. A pilot program will soon be launched for repair and renovation of existing housing. Kauai Habitat continues its development of the Ele'ele Iluna Subdivision on 24 acres in Ele'ele. Seventeen lots and homes are completed with their families moved in. An additional 107 homes will be built there before the end of the decade.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. Kauai Habitat offers 0% interest financing for the cost to build the houses. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest at least 700 hours of their own labor — sweat equity — into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

How are the partner families selected?

Families in need of decent shelter apply and the 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. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive Habitat houses.

What does a Kauai Habitat house cost?

Kauai Habitat homes range from 900-1300 sq. feet and construction costs average \$65 per sq. ft. Habitat houses are affordable for low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale price. New homes in Ele'ele Iluna will range from \$165,000-\$185,000, including land. Mortgage length varies from seven to 30 years.

Commitment to Good Design and Energy Efficiency

Kauai Habitat homes are built to fit in with local architectural traditions and take advantage of the abundance of sunlight and trade winds. Weatherization and solar water heaters are common on many of the 106 homes already built. They will be standard on all new homes built in the future and, with enough funding, may also have photovoltaic electrical systems.

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