

History of Habitat

Welcome to Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio's Volunteer Orientation: History of Habitat! In this video, we will cover the history of Habitat for Humanity International as well as our affiliate's history.

A Brief History of Habitat

Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit housing ministry serving families with limited incomes living in substandard housing. The organization was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller (contrary to popular belief, not by Jimmy Carter) and was based on the principle of "partnership housing" that Millard and Linda experienced at Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia.

To learn more about Koinonia Farms, a precursor to Habitat for Humanity, check out the hour-long documentary, *Briars in the Cotton Patch*, the link for which can be found in the description below the video.

One common misconception is that Habitat gives homes away for free—we do not. Homes are sold to partner families with an affordable mortgage and with their investment of sweat equity.

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity as an international organization, check out Habitat for Humanity International's website, the link for which can be found in the description below the video.

Our Affiliate: Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio

Habitat for Humanity has local chapters, known as affiliates, all over the world! Locally, our affiliate was founded in 1987. Like all Habitat affiliates, the start of this affiliate was a grass-roots effort, founded in the basement of Broad Street Presbyterian Church and only serving Franklin County. Since our humble start, we now serve Franklin, Licking, and Madison Counties, and have served over 1000 families locally since our founding.

To learn more about the impact of our volunteers and community partners each fiscal year, check out our Volunteer Impact Report, the link for which can be found in the description below the video. You can also peruse the website to learn more about Habitat MidOhio's program and operations.

Questions?

With our organization's history in mind, head on over to the next video, which covers the programs we offer.

If you have any questions on the previously covered topic, please email volunteers@habitatmidohio.org.