

About Us Habitat Manitoba

Founded in 1987, Habitat Manitoba is a nonprofit housing organization that believes everyone deserves a safe and decent place to live. We mobilize communities to help low-income working families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. With the help of volunteers, donors, and community partners, we have helped over 500 families and more than 1,400 children in the Province, including Kenora, Ontario.

What is a Chapter?

Chapters are made up of volunteers and staff outside of Winnipeg that represent and carry out the mission of Habitat for Humanity Manitoba across the province and in Kenora, Ontario.

Our Vision

Everyone deserves a safe and decent place to live.

Our Mission

By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba works with people from all walks of life to build safe, decent, affordable housing for purchase by low-income working families.

How you can help



Volunteer on a Committee

Contact: webuild@habitatportage.ca

Donate

Your donation will help families build the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need for a better life.

Donate professional labour or new construction materials.

Donations of tradesperson labour or new construction materials reduces our construction costs.

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financial donations
to Portage Chapter



Habitat is building in 2025!



**Habitat for Humanity Manitoba
Portage la Prairie Chapter
Making Homeownership
Affordable**



In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work, and build homes on Treaty 1, Treaty 2 and Treaty 3 territories, the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the birthplace and homeland of the Metis Nation. We recognize the past and are committed to moving forward in partnership with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit to continue the reconciliation and healing process.

How to Apply for Homeownership

Habitat for Humanity partners with families who are ready for the responsibility and challenges of homeownership.

Thank you for your interest in Habitat for Humanity Manitoba's Homeownership Program. Please read the process and qualifications carefully to see if you are eligible to apply.

Process

The Habitat Family Selection Committee is a staff-supported group of volunteers that includes people with varying professional and life experiences who are available to guide applicants. They bring expertise with respect to various challenges faced by families and children in low-income situations.

Committee members interview prospective families in their homes and communicate with landlords and employers. References provided by the family are checked and family finances and credit ratings are reviewed carefully.

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Qualifications for Family Selection

Family selection is based on 3 principles: need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner.

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba reserves the right to make the final decision for acceptance on all applications.

The following criteria are applied to determine eligibility:

1. The applicant must be employed for a minimum of the past two years in the community in which the house will be built. Must be working at time of application.
2. Must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.
3. Must not be receiving income from Employment and Income Assistance (social assistance).
4. Must be ready to live where Habitat is building in the community.
5. Must be willing to complete 500 sweat equity hours prior to house possession.
6. Preference will be given to families with young children (under 18 years of age).
7. Present housing must be at least one of the following: too expensive, too small, unsafe, or substandard; applicants cannot currently own a house.
8. Prepared to purchase a home at market value and able to commit to a mortgage. Monthly mortgage payments, which include property taxes, will be 27% of total family income, as defined on line 15000 of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Notice of Assessment.
9. Total family income as defined on line 15000 of the CRA Notice of Assessment between \$35,500 and \$90,500.
10. Must be willing to provide the most recent CRA Notice of Assessment, as well as consent for Habitat to contact references from employer, landlord, and 2 other people who know the family well.
11. Must be willing to provide your last 3 pay statements from all jobs and 2 months of all bank and financial statements, including credit card statements.
12. Must consent to a credit check.
13. Must be at least 3 years since a bankruptcy has been discharged.