



In accordance with our affiliate agreement with Habitat for Humanity International our construction practices reflect the Habitat intent of building simple, decent, affordable homes. As such, our designs follow the criteria below:

- Living space of 1,056 square feet for a three-bedroom, 2 bathroom house.
- Living space of 1,152 square feet for a four-bedroom, 2 bathroom house.
- Families are given the opportunity to choose several finishes for their house, including color of siding, shutters and roof, carpet or laminate and vinyl color, and façade.
- Special needs for the family often require modifications to the basic floor plan of the house.
- House design (crawl space or slab) and size (number of bedrooms) depends on the lay of the land and the selected family's needs. These two factors generally cannot be determined until further along in the fundraising/planning process.
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga Area builds to Energy Star 3.0 requirements and follows a set standard and process for energy efficiency and quality.

Staying true to the heart and spirit of Habitat, all work on our houses is done by volunteers with the exception of trades requiring licenses, Workman's Comp. and liability insurance or that pose safety concern when using unskilled/volunteer labor. We have developed a relationship with a select group of subcontractors who meet our HUD/Section 3 requirements, understand our building and energy efficiency requirements and provide proven quality warranty coverage and service on their work.

In keeping with these guidelines, we welcome and encourage donations of materials. A list of products and materials used and accepted as Gifts-in-Kind is listed below. Family needs, property location, layout and size of house will determine the actual need. Only approved family situations and special needs will result in modifications to the basic floor plan of the house.

<u>Framing:</u> For subfloor and walls, contact our office for an itemized list of materials and supplies used and needed.

<u>HVAC:</u> Unit adequate for house size and meeting Energy Star 3.0 specifications including fresh air vent equipment.

<u>Plumbing:</u> Fixtures to meet Water Sense standards.

<u>Electrical:</u> Square D donates materials to every Habitat house built in the United States.

<u>Roofing:</u> Roof is decked with Tech Shield, other materials generally used are Cert. AR X25, 3 tab, Omni roll, felt and nails and ridge vents.
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<u>Flooring:</u> Carpet OR laminate and underlay, per homeowner's needs, for living/dining room, hall, and bedrooms; vinyl and Luan for kitchen and baths - amount determined by sq. feet of house.
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<u>Siding:</u> Color of siding and shutters elected by homeowner. Vinyl siding used unless neighborhood restrictions/criteria require Hardi/Nichiha products.
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If you have technical questions or need further specifications for a particular item, please contact our construction office at 1201 East Main Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408. Phone: (423) 756-0507 ext. 17