Greater Middlesex & Morris Habitat for Humanity®

home repair program

Volunteer team builds a ramp for Homeowner Allan (far left).

Greater Middlesex & Morris Habitat for Humanity (GMM Habitat) expanded its home building program with an array of housing products, services and community partnerships to reach more families and enhance the quality of life for everyone. The program relies on partnerships with faith based organizations, businesses, civic groups and neighborhood associations.

Our goals are to help homeowners continue to live independently in a safe, decent, affordable home and to revitalize their communities.

Keeping homeowners warm, safe and dry.

The **Home Repair** Program provides improvements that enhance the health, safety and comfort of the home. Major structural repairs are usually not possible. We partner with property owners who - due to financial hardship, age or disability- cannot do the work alone.

Typical projects include painting, window replacement, siding and trim repair, roof repair, wheelchair ramp installation, floor/wall repair/replacement, foundation repair and cleanups. The program also provides quick-response projects for residents who have been recently affected by disasters, and weatherization services to help make homes more energy efficient and lower utility costs.

All improvements are completed by Habitat volunteers under the guidance of our construction supervisors or vetted subcontractors. Homeowners are responsible for paying for all materials and permits, but GMM Habitat will use new donated materials whenever possible to help lower costs.

In addition, the **Home Repair** Program offers services to the entire community by planning and participating in neighborhood cleanup days, community forums and streetscape projects. We help community organizations offset expenses by providing volunteer labor at their facilities or by preserving living quarters for their clients.

The **Home Repair** Program is designed to revitalize the appearance of neighborhoods, encourage positive connections within the community and, most importantly, help preserve the affordable-housing stock.

About Greater Middlesex & Habitat for Humanity (GMM Habitat)

GMM Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by financial donations and voluntary contributions of time, labor and materials.

Since 1985 GMM Habitat has provided residents of greater Middlesex and Morris counties with simple, safe and affordable homeownership. GMM Habitat has built, renovated and repaired more than 1,000 homes in the local community.

We plan to contribute buildings or repair more than 100 homes annually during the coming decade.

Habitat is not a giveaway program.

Habitat families work hard for their homes, investing hundreds of hours of their own labor – sweat equity – to support their project.

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A Brush With Kindness

A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) is a neighborhood revitalization/stabilization program designed to assist existing homeowners and neighborhoods with minor repairs or streetscaping. Projects are typically minor. A homeowner's out-of-pocket costs are less than $1,000, and work is usually completed in one day.

ABWK Services:

- Exterior scraping, caulking and painting
- Window repair (new screen, glass, glazing)
- Minor siding and trim repair
- Board replacement for porch, stairs or ramps
- Door replacement
- Making home accessible for people with disabilities
- Brush cleanup/junk removal
- Weather stripping
- Minor interior repairs

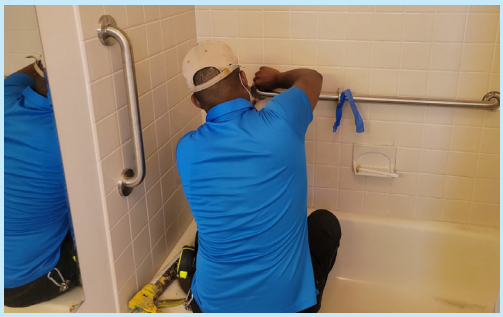
Home Repair

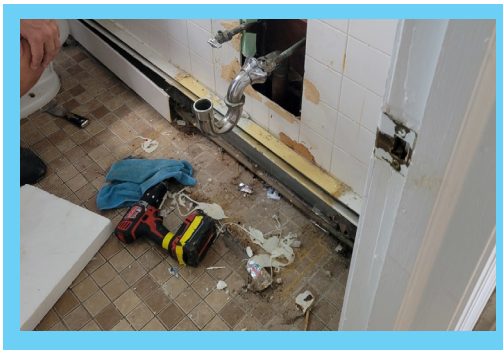
Home Repair helps lower-income homeowners who are affected by age, disability or family circumstances and struggle to fix and maintain their homes.

The homeowner's maximum out-of-pocket cost for repairs is $5,000.

Home Repair Services:

- Window and door replacement
- Extensive siding and trim repair or replacement
- Major roof repair or replacement
- Porch or wheelchair ramp construction
- Floor and wall repair/replacement
- Foundation repair





Quick Response Program

On a first-come, first-served basis, our Quick Response Program helps lower-income homeowners recently affected by disasters to meet their immediate home needs. Services include boarding windows, covering roofs and removing water. Work costs should not exceed $1,000.

Weatherization Program

The home Weatherization Program helps lower-income households reduce utility costs through energy-efficient home improvements and repairs. This program is limited to single repair projects with a maximum, out-of-pocket cost of $1,000.

Weatherization Services:

- Window repair or replacement
- Filling gaps and cracks
- Insulating openings, attics, crawlspaces, etc.
- Minor ventilation system repair
- Adding/replacing door seals

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