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What is it?

Habitat’s A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) program helps income-qualified homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, allowing them to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity.



ABWK works within Habitat’s core building program, enabling us to serve more families, increase opportunities for volunteers and expand our base of sponsors

ABWK is part of Habitat’s broader community development strategy called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI).

This initiative is an holistic approach, assisting communities as well as families. It is designed to revitalize the appearance of then neighborhood, encourage connections within the community, and most importantly, help preserve the existing affordable housing.

NRI is designed to pursue Habitat for Humanity’s strategic imperative of helping to transform and strengthen communities so that those who reside in them will be able to live and grow into all that God intends for them.

Who does the work?

Under the guidance of Habitat site supervisors the work is done by the homeowner, family and friends and other Habitat volunteers. Habitat will act as the contractor and will pull required permits and hire licensed professionals when necessary.

Who pays for it?

A Brush with Kindness focuses on exterior painting and repair services which are sold to income-qualified homeowners. Financing of the project must be in place before work can begin. Habitat partners with the homeowner to obtain financial support for the project through their personal network appealing for donations from the extended family, faith-based groups, churches, synagogues, neighbors, civic groups, local companies, etc.

Who is eligible?

ABWK serves homeowners in need using Habitat’s basic tenets of eligibility:

- Demonstrated Need
- Willingness to Partner with Habitat
- Ability to Pay

To meet these criteria the homeowner must:

- ◇ Have clear title to their home that needs repair and live in the home full-time.
- ◇ Be willing to partner with Habitat to the best of their ability, both financially and physically.
- ◇ Household income must be at or below 80% of the area median income for Monroe County, Florida.

2012 Income Guidelines*

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 person	\$46,250
2 people	\$52,850
3 people	\$59,450
4 people	\$66,050
5 people	\$61,350

(*guidelines good thru April, 2013)

How Do I Apply?

Call the Key West office at (305) 294-9006 to obtain an application or download it from our website www.habitatlowerkeys.org.

Applications are reviewed by Habitat’s Family Selection Committee. If you are eligible, a home visit is scheduled with a Habitat representative.