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**Habitat for Humanity organizations in Michigan partner with Whirlpool Corporation to build climate-resilient and energy-efficient homes**

**LANSING, Mich. (Oct. 7, 2022) —** Habitat for Humanity affiliates will participate in Habitat for Humanity’s [BuildBetter with Whirlpool initiative](https://www.habitat.org/newsroom/2021/whirlpool-corporation-partners-habitat-humanity-expand-climate-resilient-construction) this year to build energy-efficient, climate resilient homes across Michigan

Nine affiliates – [Habitat for Humanity Detroit](https://habitatdetroit.org/), [Harbor Habitat for Humanity](https://www.harborhabitat.org/), [Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley](https://www.h4h.org/), [Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity](https://www.jacksonhabitat.org/), [Habitat for Humanity of Kent County](https://www.habitatkent.org/), [Midland County Habitat for Humanity](https://midlandhabitat.org/), [Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity](https://www.montcalmhabitat.com/), [Northeast Michigan Habitat for Humanity](https://www.habitatnemi.org/?utm_campaign=HFHI_AffiliateSearch&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=habitat.org), and [Wexford Habitat for Humanity](https://wexfordhabitat.org/) – will build nine homes this year that will incorporate energy-efficient features including insulation, water-conserving plumbing fixtures, and high-efficiency heating and cooling.

The BuildBetter with Whirlpool program, launched by Habitat for Humanity and Whirlpool in June 2021, is a three-year initiative that expands upon Habitat’s current efforts to help homeowners mitigate the impact of climate change with more energy-efficient and resilient homes. This year, Habitat affiliates across the country will build 85 energy-efficient, climate-resilient homes in communities. In the first year of the program, Habitat affiliates built 55 homes above local code standards with energy and hazard resilience options.

According to the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](https://www.eia.gov/consumption/residential/data/2020/state/pdf/State%20Household%20Characteristics.pdf), 29 percent of households in Michigan faced energy insecurity in 2020. As a result, many homeowners were forced to forgo paying for necessities such as food or medicine, kept their homes at unsafe or unhealthy temperatures to limit energy output, or received a disconnection notice due to missed payments. Through the Build Better with Whirlpool program, Habitat homeowners will have the potential to save on monthly utility bills using energy-efficient appliances and improve health outcomes.

Since 1999, Whirlpool Corporation and Habitat for Humanity have been working together to build affordable homes and communities with families in need of a decent place to live. Over the course of its 22-year partnership, the company has donated more than $130 million to Habitat and has supported programs in 45 countries. Along with monetary support, Whirlpool has donated more than 200,000 energy-efficient appliances. The company also engages its employees to volunteer with Habitat to build homes alongside future homeowners.

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