



HABITAT-NYC HOMEOWNERSHIP BENEFITS

(2005 Study by University of Michigan Intern)



Family Benefits of Homeownership

Lives

"Habitat is great, probably one of the best things on the planet. No other program allows people to do this, the way they do it, with the sweat equity."—Habitat-NYC Family Partner.

- 41% of Family Partners came from severely overcrowded situations, and now none are overcrowded.
(7% of households are severely overcrowded NYC-wide)
- 53% of Family Partners' income has increased—an average increase of 14%.
(1.5% is average increase for workers NYC-wide)

Children

"I cannot believe I have a home for my son to grow up in, as a single mom. That's just special and amazing to me."—Habitat-NYC Family Partner

- 45% of Family Partner children's grades have improved since moving into their new home.
- 25% of students where Habitat-NYC builds performed at or above grade level in math and English.
- 98% of Family Partner children in high school have graduated.
(72% NYC-wide)
- 69% of Family Partner children, who are graduates of high school, are enrolled in college.
(27% NYC-wide)

Community Benefits of Homeownership

Neighborhood

"Habitat is very active in the community and very visible. They don't just come in and leave."—Habitat-NYC Family Partner.

- 35% of Family Partners report their neighborhood is safer than when they moved in.
- Crime is down 15% in the police precincts where Habitat-NYC has built.
- 96% of Habitat-NYC Family Partners are registered voters.
(64% NYC-wide.)
- 92% of Family Partners voted in the last major election.
(63% NYC-wide)

Market Value

"The value of the neighborhood is going up all over the place."—Habitat-NYC Family Partner

- Homeownership rates have risen 26% in the neighborhoods where Habitat-NYC has built.
(3% increase NYC-wide)
- Median housing value increased 82% in neighborhoods where Habitat-NYC has built.
(22% NYC-wide.)
- Number of housing units increased 12% in neighborhoods where Habitat-NYC has built.
(6% NYC-wide)