

Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity

A Brush with Kindness Program

Selection Criteria

A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) projects addresses the needs of lower income, senior and handicapped homeowners who need yard clean up, home repair, painting and light construction services including wheelchair ramps.

Successful applicants are selected based on need with a focus on safe, decent, and affordable housing.

Consistent with Habitat’s philosophy of “a hand up, not a handout”, ABWK is funded through a combination of grants, donations, and partner-family repayment.

The base qualifications to receive home repairs through ABWK are that you:

- Own your own home which is your primary residence and is in Montcalm County.
- Can demonstrate a need for assistance.
- Are willing to partner with volunteers from our community.
- Are willing to repay part of the cost of the repairs, according to income.
- Are willing to complete “sweat equity” working with volunteers or providing alternate services as agreed upon considering age and physical ability.
- Have income at or less than 60% of HUD Area Median Income (AMI) adjusted for family size.

HUD Median Income Guidelines

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>60% Median</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>60% Median</u>
1	\$30,060	5	\$46,380
2	\$34,320	6	\$49,800
3	\$38,640	7	\$53,220
4	\$42,900	8	\$56,640

After we have received your completed application and have determined that the basic qualifications have been met, a project manager will make a home visit to determine the scope of work needed.

Based on his findings, we will develop a plan consistent with state and local building codes, ADA guidelines and our program policies. A total cost estimate will be determined as well as how much you will be asked to repay based on your income and circumstances.

Volunteers will be recruited, and subcontractor and homeowners hired, if needed, to complete the work. Completion of the project is subject to volunteer, subcontractor, and homeowner availability.

Please fill out the application completely and return it to the Montcalm Habitat for Humanity office/Restore at 124 W Grove St Greenville, MI 48838. Don’t forget to enclose copies of required documentation. Our decision will be mailed to you.

Thank you, Again, for your interest in our program.

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