



## Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project

### History

President and Mrs. Carter committed to working with Habitat for Humanity in February 1984, the eighth year of Habitat's existence. A month later, the former president donated one day of his carpentry skills and manual labor at a work site in Americus, Georgia, which became the seed of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Today, the annual project draws thousands of volunteers and the world's attention to Habitat for Humanity's mission to eliminate poverty housing from the world.

### 1984/1985—New York, New York

In September 1984, the first Jimmy Carter Work Project, in which the Carters were joined by dozens of volunteers, renovated a six-story, 19-unit building. The Carters returned in July 1985 to complete the work.

### June 1986—Chicago, Illinois

The 1986 project was held in Chicago, where about 150 volunteers, working in the rain, built a four-unit townhouse.

### July 1987—Charlotte, North Carolina

The Carters and 235 volunteers joined in the construction of 14 houses in Charlotte. This was the first year the event was held in tandem with a worldwide House-Raising Week, with 250 to 300 homes under construction.

### June 1988—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Atlanta, Georgia

President and Mrs. Carter, along with 200 volunteers, renovated a 10-unit rowhouse in a section of North Philadelphia, and 1,000 volunteers completed 20 houses in Atlanta. An estimated 200 houses were begun, built or rehabbed during House-Raising Week '88.

### June 1989—Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Carters joined nearly 1,000 volunteers to complete six new houses and renovate eight others in Milwaukee. House-Raising Week '89 resulted in nearly 500 houses.

### June 1990—Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego, California

An estimated 2,000 volunteers built 100 houses in Tijuana and seven more in San Diego. The Carters and 73 volunteers also walked from Pasadena to Tijuana and raised \$90,000 in pledges for Habitat's work.

### June 1991—Miami, Florida

Carter returned to the riot-devastated Liberty City area, which he had visited as president in 1979. More than 400 volunteers spent the week building 14 houses and a day care center.

### June 1992—Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland

The Carters joined 1,000 volunteers in Washington, D.C., to complete 10 houses in the U.S. capital; one house was constructed by an all-women crew. Also, 10 rowhouses were rehabbed in the Sandtown area of Baltimore.

### July 1993—Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

More than 1,100 volunteers joined President and Mrs. Carter for the first CWP held entirely outside of the United States. The week of July 18–24 saw the construction of 18 houses in Winnipeg and 10 houses in Waterloo.

### **July 1994—Eagle Butte, South Dakota**

The 1994 CWP marked the partnership of Habitat for Humanity and Native American people as the project built 30 houses on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.

### **June 1995—Southern California**

From June 18 to 24, more than 1,500 volunteers from 39 states and five countries built 21 houses in the Watts/Willowbrook community of Los Angeles, while accelerated builds were held at five other California affiliates.

### **August 1996—Vác, Hungary**

For the first Carter project in Europe, 500 volunteers from 23 countries gathered to build 10 houses from Aug. 11 to 17.

### **June 1997—Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee**

From June 15 to 21, 3,300 volunteers helped build 52 houses at 12 sites in the Appalachian region.

### **June 1998—Houston, Texas**

“Project Houston,” June 14–20, saw more than 6,000 volunteers build 100 houses in four inner-city neighborhoods, including the lowest-income neighborhoods in Houston.

### **March 1999—Metro Manila, Bacolod City, Tagbilaran City, Dumaguete City, General Santos City and Parañaque, Philippines**

From March 21 to 27, 14,000 volunteers from 32 countries built 293 decent, affordable houses in six sites in the Philippines.

### **September 2000—New York, New York; Jacksonville, Florida; and Plains and Americus, Georgia**

The Carters joined volunteers in New York to build Habitat’s 100,000th house; 157 houses were constructed that week.

### **August 2001—Seoul, South Korea**

The Carters joined 10,000 volunteers from around the world to build 136 homes in Seoul in a single week.

### **June 2002—Durban, South Africa**

The Carters led the first CWP in Africa on June 3–7. Volunteers helped rebuild a neighborhood torn down by apartheid. Three thousand volunteers built 100 houses in one week. That project was a culmination of 1,000 houses being built in Africa.

### **June 2003—Anniston, Alabama; and LaGrange and Valdosta, Georgia**

From June 6 to 13, the Carters and more than 4,000 volunteers from around the world built 92 homes.

### **October 2004—Puebla and Veracruz, Mexico**

The Carters led 4,000 volunteers to build 150 homes with families in Puebla and Veracruz from Oct. 24 to 29.

### **June 2005—Benton Harbor and Detroit, Michigan; and Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

From June 19 to 24, the Carters joined more than 4,000 volunteers from around the world and built 50 houses with families in Benton Harbor and Detroit and six houses in Windsor. Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout Michigan constructed 238 houses as part of CWP 2005.

### **October 2006—Lonavala, India**

The 2006 CWP took place Oct. 29 through Nov. 3 in Lonavala, India. More than 2,000 volunteers built 100 houses with homeowners.

### **October 2007—Los Angeles, California**

From Oct. 28 to Nov. 2, volunteers from around the world led by President and Mrs. Carter and Habitat CEO Jonathan Reckford helped build 30 new homes and renovate or repair many more.

### **May 2008—Biloxi and Pascagoula, Mississippi; New Orleans and the U.S. Gulf Coast**

From May 11 to 16, affiliates from Mobile, Alabama, to Houston, Texas, participated in the 25th Carter project to send the message that support is still needed to rebuild after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. At the host site in Biloxi and Pascagoula, Mississippi, the Carters and volunteers built 30 new homes; another 30 were renovated in nearby Gulfport, and frames for more than 40 houses were built on the beach in Biloxi for houses throughout the Gulf Coast.

### **November 2009—The Mekong Build: Host site in Chiang Mai, Thailand**

From Nov. 15 to 20, thousands of volunteers worked with 166 partner families in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and China.

### **October 2010—Washington, D.C.; Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota; and Birmingham, Alabama**

Habitat for Humanity’s 27th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project will take place Oct. 4–8. The Carters will work with volunteers to highlight the need for stable communities and healthy housing. Habitat is building, rehabilitating or repairing 86 homes with the help of 1,000 volunteers.

