

Welcome from the President of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

We are thrilled to be hosting the 27th Annual Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in the Twin Cities, October 3 – 8, 2010. We are honored to be able to host President and Mrs. Carter this week and to focus our Twin Cities community on the worldwide effort to create more access to healthy housing and build stable communities. We are also honored to have Walter and Joan Mondale and Jim and Kathryn Ramstad as the Honorary Co-Chairs for the Twin Cities Carter Work Project. This incredible week will showcase the impact of hundreds of Habitat volunteers working shoulder to shoulder with our family partners to build, rehab and repair 26 homes in one week!



The support and commitment of our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers will help build upon our partnership with communities that are deeply engaged in the important work of neighborhood revitalization. And, you will see how this vital work will bring a bright new future for 26 families. Healthy families start at home; success at school and life long learning start at home; and healthy neighborhoods depend on safe and stable homes. The work done this week will be transformative—building hope and optimism as well as homes.

We hope this week will provide everyone involved with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction for knowing that we are making dreams a reality for the families we serve not just this year, but for generations to come. Please join us during the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to share the important story of the work that these communities are doing to revitalize neighborhoods and create decent, affordable homes for hard-working low-income families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Haigh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan Haigh
President and CEO

Overview

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project 2010

The 2010 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project (JRCWP) will be held in Minneapolis and St. Paul October 3–8, 2010. Build activities begin on World Habitat Day, October 4, as part of a worldwide effort to highlight the need for stable communities and healthy housing.



The Twin Cities Habitat affiliate is one of four areas hosting President and Mrs. Carter over the week. Throughout the week, the Carters will work with thousands of volunteers in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore and Annapolis, Md.; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; and Birmingham, Ala. building, rehabilitating and repairing 86 homes in these communities. All affiliates hosting the JRCWP were selected because of their commitment to revitalizing neighborhoods hardest hit by foreclosure. This is a national event that Habitat for Humanity International will be promoting across the country.

Carter Work Project History

The Carter Work Project has been a catalyst for increasing the work being done in local communities and empowering people to bring hope, stability and housing solutions. President and Mrs. Carter are Habitat for Humanity's most famous volunteers and give a week of their time each year to help Habitat build, renovate or repair homes and raise awareness about the need for affordable and decent housing. Since that first build, the Carters and thousands of volunteers have worked with Habitat for Humanity across the United States and in Mexico, Hungary, South Africa, South Korea, India, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Laos and Vietnam.





2010 Twin Cities Carter Work Project Specifics

The project in the Twin Cities will be a multi-faceted neighborhood revitalization program that includes:

- Building new homes on the sites of problem/foreclosed properties;
- Renovating boarded and vacant homes; and
- Repairing homes currently occupied by low-income homeowners through the *A Brush with Kindness* program.

During the weeklong project, President and Mrs. Carter will join volunteers from local individuals corporations, congregations and community groups to build, renovate and repair 26 houses in partnership with neighborhoods and families in need of simple, decent and affordable housing. The project will focus on North Minneapolis’s EcoVillage and St. Paul’s East Side Payne-Phalen neighborhood, two communities that have been hit especially hard by the foreclosure crisis.



14 homes in St. Paul

- 7 *A Brush with Kindness* projects
- 3 new construction builds on problem/foreclosed lots
- 4 foreclosure rehabs

12 homes in Minneapolis

- 5 *A Brush with Kindness* projects
- 2 new construction builds on problem/foreclosed lots
- 5 foreclosure rehabs