



We build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter.

A statement from Susanne Slater, President & CEO

“Habitat DC-NOVA shares the deep loss felt across the world at President Carter’s passing. Our staff, our volunteers, and our homeowners had the great privilege to work alongside President Carter and his late wife Rosalynn Carter as part of two Carter Work Projects. Though he and Mrs. Carter insisted they were just another pair of volunteers, they were so much more. President Carter was a true and tireless public servant who inspired people everywhere to collaborate to build a just world for all of us. We are deeply honored to have worked closely with the Carters during their decades of service to Habitat’s mission. President Carter’s legacy will live on as we pursue the Habitat mission here in DC & Northern Virginia and worldwide.”

Honoring a lifetime of service

The Carters served as Habitat for Humanity’s most influential and impactful volunteers by advocating for housing policy and human rights, fundraising, and mobilizing people around the world to build Habitat homes with them. Over the last four decades, the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project has inspired more than 108,000 volunteers across the U.S. and in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 4,447 Habitat homes.

Habitat DC-NOVA had the very special opportunity to host not one but two Carter Work Projects, the first in 1992 and the second in 2010. The 1992 Carter Work Project built ten homes on Benning Road that became the first Habitat homes in the District of Columbia. The Carters spent a week alongside hundreds of volunteers – including the future homeowners - building these homes. [Ms. Hope Gibson](#), the first Habitat homeowner in DC, remembered President Carter as hardworking and kind out on the job site. [She often shared her remembrances](#) of working on her home alongside President & Mrs. Carter. Ms. Gibson passed in May 2024, and Habitat DC-NOVA remembers her alongside the Carters for her joyfulness and humor.

[The Carter Work Project revisited DC in 2010](#) and built ten homes in historic Ivy City in Northeast DC. These were the first of more than 40 homes built to revitalize the neighborhood by Habitat over the following decade. More than 3,000 volunteers came out to build the homes and install solar panels with partner GRID Alternatives over the course of the week.

Habitat DC-NOVA will celebrate President Carter’s life by inviting community members to our [ReStores](#) to write tributes on hard hats and wooden beams that will be used in the construction of future local homes.

Community members can also share tribute messages in Habitat for Humanity’s digital memory book by visiting www.habitat.org.

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About Habitat for Humanity Washington, D.C. & Northern Virginia

Habitat for Humanity Washington, D.C. & Northern Virginia (Habitat DC-NOVA) believes everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. Our mission is to reduce poverty housing and homelessness by building decent, affordable, energy-efficient homes for those in need. Since 1988, Habitat DC-NOVA has built over 300 homes and provided more than 350 repairs. In addition to building and selling affordable homes, Habitat DC-NOVA provides home repairs, offers financial education, and advocates for policies that create more housing for struggling families in the national capital region. Learn more at habitatdcnova.org.

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