



## Homeowner Informational Meeting

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## To Become a Habitat Homeowner, Attend One of Our Informational Meeting *Two Informational Meetings Announced for October, 2019*

**Lawrence, MA (July 19, 2019)** – Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHH) is building two duplex homes in Salisbury, MA and we are looking for four qualifying households for these three-bedroom homes.

All members of the public are invited to attend one of our Homeowner Informational Meetings this October 2019 to obtain an application form. You will be required to complete the application form and return it to MVHH with all the required documentation.

To qualify as an MVHH homeowner, you must be a first-time homebuyer. All prospective MVHH homeowners will be required to partner with MVHH by volunteering 240-360 hours as “*sweat equity*.” Your household income must be within “*Targeted Income Guidelines*” as can be seen at the end of this press release. Additionally, applicants will be asked to document how their current housing is sub-standard, insecure, and too expensive for their monthly income.

Applicants who meet eligibility requirements will enter into a lottery and if chosen will become a prospective homeowner.

Both informational meetings will be held at the Salisbury Public Library, 1st-floor meeting room, located at 17 Elm Street, Salisbury, MA on:

- Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 10:30 AM
- Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 6:00 PM

**RSVP is required.** Call Roxanna at (978) 681-8858 ext. 10 or reach her by email at [Roxanna@mvfh.org](mailto:Roxanna@mvfh.org) to secure your place today. Limited seats are available. Leave a message stating the date of the meeting you wish to attend, and a contact number where we can reach you.

Habitat Targeted Income Guidelines are as follows:

Habitat Targeted Income Guidelines		
Household Income		
Size	Minimum	Maximum
3	\$42,680	\$64,020
4	\$47,400	\$71,100
5	\$51,200	\$76,800
6	\$55,000	\$82,500

Based on 40% to 60% of average Median income. Subject to change. Financial information based on 2019 HUD income limits.

In accordance with the *Equal Credit Opportunity Act* and the *Fair Housing Act*, Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity does not discriminate with regards to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, family status, marital status, receipt of public assistant income or age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract).

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### **About Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity**

Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit builder of affordable homes founded in 1985 by concerned local citizens who came together as volunteers. We are the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, the largest nonprofit homebuilder in the world with a network of over 2,100 branches. We build simple, affordable, comfortable homes in partnership with the families who need them. We have delivered on our mission for 100 families to date. To help fund our work, we opened our ReStore in Lawrence, MA, where we sell donated appliances, furniture, building materials, and home furnishings at greatly reduced prices. To donate, volunteer, or learn more, please visit [merrimackvalleyhabitat.org](http://merrimackvalleyhabitat.org).

### **About Habitat for Humanity**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The affordable housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in thousands of communities throughout the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

More details about Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity's Cost of Home policy platform and campaign activation are available upon request. For more information or to speak to MVHFH about the campaign, please contact Jacques Du Preez, Merrimack Valley Habitat Director of Marketing at [jacques@merrimackvalleyhabitat.org](mailto:jacques@merrimackvalleyhabitat.org) or 978.681.8858 ext. 20