

# Developing Homes and Neighborhoods

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity has launched a 400 Home Initiative.



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Crestwood Avenue in Cleveland was the site of the groundbreaking ceremony for the launch of the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity’s 400 Home Initiative.

With a timeline that runs from 2023 to 2027, the \$33 million project aims to build 100 new homes, rehabilitate 50 existing homes and repair or enhance 250 additional homes in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties. The initiative’s mission is to generate housing stability and wealth creation for our area’s underserved populations and is being done in partnership with the Cuyahoga Land Bank.

The event attracted executives, dignitaries and government officials from across our area. It also included a brief presentation by Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb.

“I am proud of the work we are doing to create housing stability for those in Cleveland who have the greatest need and the best opportunity to achieve independence and

security,” said Mayor Bibb. “And we are deeply grateful to Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity and the Cuyahoga Land Bank for leading this important initiative.”

Greater Cleveland Habitat President and CEO John Litten noted that in addition to creating stability and wealth for current and future generations, these sustained

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**Pastor Ernest Fields of the Calvary Hill Church of God in Christ addressed the crowd.**



**Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb gave a presentation.**



**Jasmine Butler of Congresswoman Shontel Brown's office was also on hand.**

investments have a measurable impact on creating a safer community.

“We could not be more excited to break ground on the 400 Home Initiative,” said Litten. “Through numerous partnerships and meaningful efforts from many groups and individuals, we are bringing needed hope and deserved happiness into the community.”

Over the course of the next three years, Greater Cleveland Habitat will be working in Wards 2 (Mount Pleasant), 4 (Buckeye-Woodhill), 8 (Collinwood), 11 (West Boulevard) and 15 (Detroit-Shoreway) to build, rehabilitate and repair homes. New homes will be sold at appraised value with a 0% interest mortgage.

Earlier in the summer, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity hosted its 2023 Walk/Run/Mosey 5K and 1-Mile Walk fundraiser at Edgewater Park to support its mission to expand affordable home ownership in Cleveland’s Buckeye neighborhood.

Founded in 1987, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity helps low-income hard-working families build a sense of



**Bob Whitney, (l-r) neighborhood planning manager from Habitat, visits with State Representative Sean P. Brennan.**

stability, strength and self-reliance. The nonprofit believes in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. In adherence to this vision, more than 2,000 people have benefited from partnerships with Cleveland Habitat, including more than 1,200 children.

In addition to its mission of home ownership, Greater Cleveland Habitat for

Humanity is involved in numerous neighborhood revitalization and beautification efforts. Whether you are an individual, an organization or business, Habitat offers numerous volunteer opportunities. Its ReStore home improvement stores and donation centers sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, building materials and more. ■