

This year PCHFH embarks on a new program - **Neighborhood Revitalization!** This HFHI initiative will involve engaging members of our community to address the specific needs and vision of local neighborhoods by providing appropriate housing solutions.

Solutions may include:

- home weatherization
- exterior home repair
- vacant house rehab
- interior repair work to make homes safer
- new home construction on available land

Adding these programs will result in serving more families!

As we partner with our community and homeowners to address housing solutions, our wish is that partnerships will form within neighborhoods to assist in this work. We want to see neighbors become more invested in their own neighborhood.

Weatherization

Energy costs can create a severe cost-burdened situation for homeowners. PCHFH anticipates that some of the residents will need to address their home's energy efficiency.

Projects may include replacing windows, sealing air leaks, improving insulation, replacement or repair of appliances, hvac units, water fixtures, etc.

A Brush with Kindness

A popular and growing national HFH program, this type of work is typically very volunteer friendly. It could involve: landscaping, trash removal, painting, repairing steps, minor roof repair, building wheelchair ramps, etc.

This will be the initial focus of our work in the first neighborhood. And this is also a program we intend to take out to other homeowners throughout our communities as we develop strong volunteer teams and funding partners.

Rehabilitation

This program is more dominant in areas of our country where foreclosure rates are much higher than our current situation. If we find an economical opportunity in the neighborhood to secure any foreclosed properties, we will pursue the purchase and rehab opportunity and then sell the home to a Habitat qualified family.

Critical Home Repair

Keeping homes safe and decent is imperative. This program will require additional skilled volunteers and a larger investment of time and finances. At this time, our plan is to build up to this type of work as our NRI grows. New EPA Lead Abatement rulings will play a role in older homes also.

New Home Construction

Our main program of work will always be providing new home construction and remaining an Energy Star[®] Building Partner. Through NRI work, PCHFH will work to build new homes in our targeted neighborhoods, while still building throughout our service area.

Investment of homeowners

Just like the new home construction program, all homeowners will invest their time (Sweat Equity) and financial resources (Pay back) to partner in each project. The homeowner will have a promissory note to cover a portion of the project costs with affordable monthly payments. This will also help develop a sustainable program to serve more!

The first neighborhood

The initial NRI work will begin with the area of the West End Neighborhood in Cookeville, 150 residences in a section of an area identified in the City's 2030 plan for revitalization. This neighborhood already includes 10 Habitat homes.

Next Steps

1. Stakeholder group from within the neighborhood formed to provide input throughout the process.
2. Trained Habitat volunteers and actual neighbors will go door-to-door to survey the residents. The goal of the survey is to determine the neighbors' perspective of their own neighborhood.
3. Securing funding partners will be a continuing project. Raising money to cover costs of materials, required fees and additional tools will be necessary for success.
4. Volunteer recruitment will take place during winter and spring. Training of volunteer leaders will be held in early spring.
5. The survey analysis will be shared with neighbors, followed by our available services. Applications for work projects will be accepted in the spring.
6. Work is targeted to begin in late Spring 2011.

