

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 268

**Title:** Habitat for Humanity

**Extent:** 9 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1978-2011

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Atlanta, Georgia

**Abstract:** This collection consists of newsletters, magazines, and events.

**Historical Notes:** Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. Habitat for Humanity is a true world leader in addressing the issues of poverty housing. The concept that grew into Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) was born at Koinonia Farm, a small, interracial, Christian community outside of Americus, Georgia. Koinonia Farm was founded in 1942 by farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan. The Fullers first visited Koinonia in 1965. They had recently left a successful business and an affluent lifestyle in Montgomery, Alabama to begin a new life of Christian service. At Koinonia, Jordan and Fuller developed the concept of "partnership housing." The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build simple, decent houses. The houses would be built at no profit and interest would not be charged on the loans. Building costs would be financed by a revolving fund called "The Fund for Humanity." The fund's money would come from the new homeowners' house payments, no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fund-raising activities. The monies in the Fund for Humanity would be used to build more houses. In 1968, Koinonia laid out 42 half-acre house sites with four acres reserved as a community park and recreational area. Capital was donated from around the country to start the work. Homes were built and sold to families in need at no profit and no interest. The basic model of Habitat for Humanity was begun. In September 1976, Millard and Linda called together a group of supporters to discuss the future of their dream. Habitat for Humanity International as an organization was born at this meeting. The eight years that followed, vividly described in Millard Fuller's book, "Love in the Mortar Joints," proved that the vision of a housing ministry was workable. Faith, hard work and direction set HFHI on its successful course. In 1984, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn took their first Habitat work trip, the Jimmy Carter Work Project, to New York City. Their personal involvement in Habitat's ministry brought the organization national visibility and sparked interest in Habitat's work across the nation. HFHI experienced a dramatic increase in the number of new affiliates around the country. Through the work of Habitat, thousands of low-income families have found new hope in the form of affordable housing. Churches, community groups and others have joined together to successfully tackle a significant social problem, decent housing for all. Since 1976, we have built or repaired over one million homes, serving more than 5 million people worldwide. **Sources:** [Habitat for Humanity](#)

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.; Social justice; Voluntarism -- Religious aspects -- Christianity; Low-income housing

## Administrative Information

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