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A Gift that Gives Back

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity Provides City with Significant Return on Investment



The City of Dallas and Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity cooperate in countless ways to revitalize communities, provide safe, decent, and affordable homeownership options, and improve the lives of the citizens of Dallas. Many of these contributions cannot be monetized, such as the coordination and assistance routinely provided by the Police, Code Compliance, Sustainable Development, and City Attorneys' Departments. Nevertheless, where possible to assign monetary value, we wanted to share some of the many reasons why investing in Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and our homeowners provides

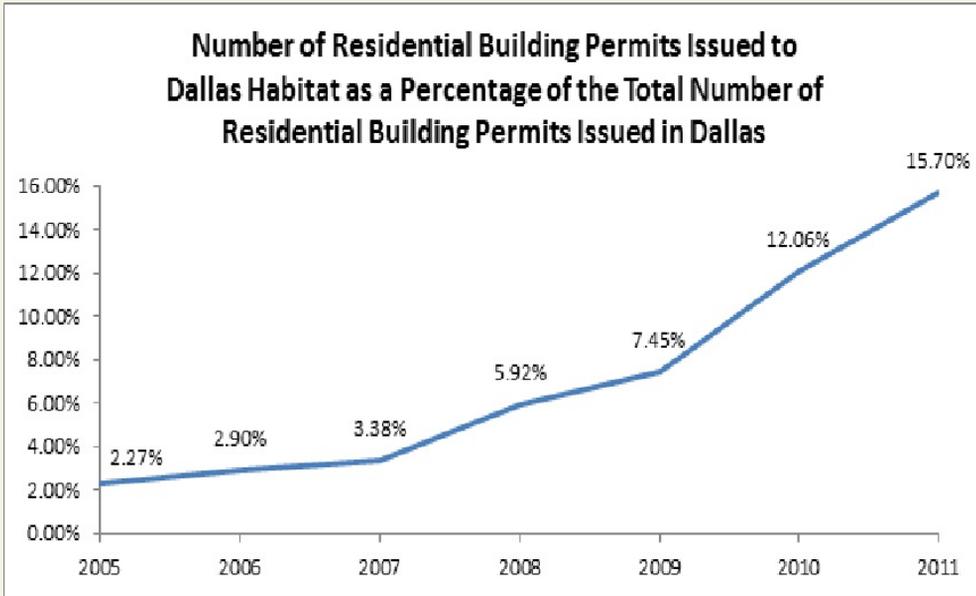
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity's 2012 Christmas card. Cover art design by 10-year-old child in our

card. Cover art design by Jameya, a child in our Dallas Habitat Family!

a good return on investment for limited public dollars.

Habitat's Investment in Dallas Communities

Dallas Habitat has invested over \$125 million in the City of Dallas since it began working here in 1985. In 2010, 2011, (and likely 2012), Habitat pulled more single-family build permits than any other home builder in the City of Dallas. Due to our steady building activities, since 2002, Habitat has paid over \$1.15 million to the City in permit fees and tree mitigation expenses.



Each of Habitat's newly-constructed, energy-efficient homes provides a double bottom line return by creating stability and asset-building opportunities for the individual homeowners while simultaneously serving as the basis to redevelop impoverished communities and increase the City's tax base. Habitat homeowners finance the purchase of their homes using an interest-free mortgage provided by Habitat, and make monthly payments to cover the principal, taxes, and insurance due on their properties.



Over the years, City of Dallas Habitat homeowners have paid over \$10,000,000 in property taxes. A portion of those tax dollars have been reinvested with Habitat to build more homes and revitalize more communities. To date, the City of Dallas has provided slightly over \$6 million to support Habitat's building efforts. That means that for every dollar invested by the City, Habitat has raised \$95 from other sources to invest in neighborhoods (for investment details by neighborhood, contact us at buildlouderdallas@dallas-habitat.org).

Over the past 26 years, Dallas Habitat homeowners have paid over \$10 million in property taxes.

Dallas Habitat is proud of our investments in the City of Dallas. We hope that the City of Dallas is equally proud of its investments in Habitat's homeowners and communities.

Sincerely,

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