habitat in pigtown

Since 2007, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake has renovated 23 existing homes and constructed 18 new homes in Pigtown. Much of this work has centered on the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Ward Street, where we are in the process of demolishing a series of vacant and badly deteriorated structures. These buildings will be replaced by new townhomes, as well as open space and parking for close partner, Paul’s Place Outreach Center, which offers a wide range of programs for the neighborhood. Habitat Chesapeake also partners with Pigtown Main Street to address infrastructure and public safety needs such as street lighting.

pigtown at-a-glance

Pigtown is a historically working class neighborhood in South Baltimore, so named for the pigs that were once shuttled through the streets from the B & O railroad to local butcher shops. Today, Pigtown is a diverse community with a bustling main street full of locally-owned restaurants, and easy access to downtown Baltimore, as well as major highways and public transportation to DC.

- Population: 5,503
- Ages of Residents:
  - Children: 17%
  - Young Adults: 12%
  - Adults: 63%
  - Seniors: 8%
- Average Income: $34,785
- Community Assets:
  - Caroll Park
  - B & O Railroad Museum
  - Pigtown Main Street
  - Southwest Baltimore Charter School
  - Enoch Pratt Free Library
  - Paul’s Place Outreach Center
  - Mount Clare Museum
Public Transportation

- NV Bus Line with direct access to Inner Harbor, Patterson Park, Canton and Dundalk Industrial Areas
- YW Bus Line with direct access to Midtown and Mondawmin (largest bus/metro hub) to the north and Halethorpe MARC station to the south
- Walking distance to Camden Yards MARC Station with direct line to Washington, DC

our program

Habitat Chesapeake carefully selects families who are financially prepared for homeownership, who have a true need for decent affordable housing, and who are willing to partner in the process.

About Our Homebuyers

- Currently earn 30 - 80% of area median income
- Good credit history
- Stable employment for at least one year prior
- Able to afford a monthly mortgage payment of $500 - 900
- Moderate debt-to-income ratio
- Willing to complete 250 - 350 "sweat equity" hours through homebuyer education, homebuilding and working in ReStores

Once accepted to the program, buyers are matched to homes based on affordability, family size and properties available. Habitat works in a variety of neighborhoods and homes. Regardless of location or type of house, we strive for quality and equity.

About Our Homes

Habitat homes in Pigtown vary from brand-new construction to what we call “gut rehabs” - historic rowhouses from the early 20th century that have been fully renovated. Features of Habitat homes include:

- 2 - 3 Bedrooms
- 1 - 1.5 Bathrooms
- Energy Efficient Windows & Doors
- New Appliances
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- 30-Year, 0% Interest Mortgage
- Low monthly payments

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Interested in becoming a Habitat Homeowner?

Visit www.habitatchesapeake.org/own-a-home to start your application! Call 410.366.1250 for more information or assistance.