



Habitat for Humanity
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563-556-2195

A Brush with Kindness

About the program

Habitat for Humanity's *A Brush with Kindness* is a locally-operated program serving low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the **exterior** of their homes. Applicants are eligible for the program based on the following criteria:

- A significant need exists. The applicant is unable to perform the repairs, and/or pay someone else to perform them.
- Applicant must own and reside in the home in need of repairs.
- Applicant must be current on mortgage payments and possess home owner's insurance.
- Applicant must reside in Dubuque or Jackson Counties.
- Applicant must earn less than 80% of the area median income.
- Applicant must have the ability to pay for 100% of the costs of materials for the project*.

*In the event that a sponsor or a grant is available to help fund the project, the homeowner will be responsible for a portion of the costs based on a sliding scale fee.

Below is a list of repairs that A Brush with Kindness can offer. If you are in need of any of these repairs, you may be eligible for the ABWK program.

- Landscaping
- Exterior paint
- Siding repairs or cleaning
- Exterior clean-up
- Porch or deck repair
- Exterior door repairs/replacement
- Home entry ramps
- Other: _____



The application process for A Brush with Kindness is a multi-step process. Once the application is approved, it will be about one to three months before the home repair project is completed. The amount of time required to complete the home repair project depends upon the nature of the work, weather, the number of other families who have already been approved for the program, materials and volunteers needed along with other related factors.

Please fill out the following application if you qualify for the ABWK program and return it to:

**Habitat for Humanity
900 Jackson Street, Suite LL5-2
Dubuque, Iowa 52001**



Mail completed form to:
 Habitat for Humanity
 900 Jackson St., Suite LL5-2E
 Dubuque, Iowa 52001

For Office Use Only
Date Received:
City Citation:
Referred By
Phone No.
Application No.

A Brush with Kindness is a program of Habitat for Humanity that does home exterior repairs for low- income homeowners who need assistance to do necessary work. Call **563-556-2195** with any questions.

SECTION 1 - Homeowner Information

Legal Name of Homeowner:	Age:
Home Address:	City:
Email:	County:
Telephone Numbers: H: _____ C: _____ W: _____ Please include area code	Number of Years at Address: Name of Neighborhood:

List the names, ages, **and relationship** to homeowner of **all** people living in the home
 (attach a list if more space is needed):

Name/relationship: _____	Age: _____
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Name/relationship _____	Age: _____
Name/relationship _____	Age: _____

Is anyone in your household a veteran? Yes No Name _____

Is anyone in your household currently in the military? Yes No Name _____

SECTION 2 - Special Needs

Is the homeowner or anyone in the home disabled? Yes No

If yes, indicate the type of disability below (check all that apply, please describe if "other"):

Uses a Walker, Cane or Crutches Wheelchair Bound Blind Hearing Impaired

Loss of Limb Mentally Disabled Other: _____

Is translation needed? Yes No If yes, what language: _____

SECTION 3 - Household Income and Mortgage Information

The *total, combined income before taxes* for ALL persons living in the home is: \$_____ per **month**

You must attach verification of all HOUSEHOLD income for each adult in the house, unless a full time student (provide proof of registration) and/or benefits for children

(For instance, the most recent income tax return, monthly social security statement, other retirement income statements, employment check stub and please note on attached statements if it represents annual, monthly, twice monthly, bi-weekly or weekly income.).

What are you monthly payments for each of the following expenses?

Mortgage		Car		Medical		Phone		Credit Debt	
Electric		Utilities		Cable/ Internet		Groceries		Other	

SECTION 4 - Sharing Your Personal Information?

If your application is a more appropriate fit with other, similar programs may we share it with them?

Yes No

Unless you give us permission to share your information with other organizations, your application will be kept confidential. If you check yes, you give A Brush with Kindness your consent to share the information you provide on this application with similar organizations, if A Brush With Kindness is not able to assist you.

SECTION 5 - Homeowner's Agreement

I certify that the information on this application is accurate and that I own the property at the address given on this application. I have no present intention to move or offer my home for sale for at least three years. I confirm that any physically able persons residing in my home or visiting for the project day(s) will work alongside the **A Brush with Kindness (ABWK)** volunteers. I confirm that, except for the conditions listed above, my home is a safe place for volunteers.

To the extent permitted by law and without affecting the coverage provided by the required homeowners insurance, I agree to sign the release and waiver of liability.

SIGNATURE OF HOMEOWNER

DATE

Complete the following if you are not the homeowner but are assisting the homeowner in completing this application.





Your name:

Your daytime phone number:

Is homeowner aware of this application?

Yes No

SECTION 6 - House Information / Exterior

HOUSE INFORMATION	<u>House Exterior</u>	<u>Garage Exterior</u>																																				
<p>Place a large "X" over the house (below), which most resembles the size of your house.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  1 story </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  1.5 story </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  2 story </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  2.5 story </div> </div> <p>Year Purchased: ____ Year Built: _____</p> <p>Last Painted: _____ Square Feet: _____</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;">Siding</th> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;">Trim</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> wood</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> brick</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> vinyl</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> shakes</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> metal</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> stucco</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> painted stucco</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> asbestos/slate</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> aluminum</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> vinyl</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table>	Siding	Trim	<input type="checkbox"/> wood	<input type="checkbox"/> wood	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl	<input type="checkbox"/> shakes	<input type="checkbox"/> metal	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> painted stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos/slate		<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum		<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl		<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;">Siding</th> <th style="text-align: left; border: none;">Trim</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> wood</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> brick</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> vinyl</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> shakes</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> metal</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> stucco</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> painted stucco</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> asbestos/slate</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> aluminum</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> vinyl</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table>	Siding	Trim	<input type="checkbox"/> wood	<input type="checkbox"/> wood	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl	<input type="checkbox"/> shakes	<input type="checkbox"/> metal	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> painted stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos/slate		<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum		<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl	
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SECTION 7 - Checklist

- Did you complete all 11 sections of this application?
- Did you sign and date the application? **(SECTION 5 AND 7)**
- Do you currently have homeowner's insurance? Yes No
- Do you own this home? Yes No
- Do you live in this home? Yes No
- Are you current on your homeowner's insurance premiums? Yes No
- Are you current on your mortgage? Yes No
- Are you current on your property taxes? Yes No
- Did you include a statement to verify income and expenses?** This statement can be a copy of one or more of the following: tax return, social security receipts, retirement pay receipts, or other documentation of household income. ***All adults, over the age of 18, must submit an income document (or prove current student status) showing name and address.***

SIGNATURE OF HOMEOWNER

DATE

SECTION 8 - Application History

Have you applied to **ABWK** in the past? Yes No What year(s)?_____ Has **ABWK** done work at your home in the past? Yes No Year(s)?_____

SECTION 9 - Media and Publicity

Where did you learn about **A Brush with Kindness**?
TV Radio Newspaper Flyer Friend Neighbor Neighborhood Organization
OTHER:_____ *please describe*
If **ABWK** selects your house to be repaired, pictures of you and your home may be taken. Are you willing to be interviewed by media reporters? May we bring elected officials to your home?
 YES Interviews are okay YES Visits by elected officials are okay
 NO I do not want interviews NO I do not want visits by elected officials

SECTION 10 - Personal Statement

Please write a *brief* explanation of why you feel you should be selected, and how it will help you.

SECTION 11 - Requested Repairs

Briefly describe the type of work you would like done on your home. Attach a separate piece of paper if there is not enough space to list all repairs. Remember that the items listed below will be considered for repair, but the final decision on what work can be done with our time and financial resources will be made at the discretion of A Brush With Kindness. The work done by A Brush with Kindness will focus on warmth, safety and independence.
Please print

Area of Repair	Description
Accessibility Modifications. Examples: wheelchair ramp, exterior hand rails, etc.	

Carpentry Repairs. Describe problems with doors, outdoor floors, porches, steps, walls, ceilings, etc. Indicate places outside house needing repair.	
Roofing Repairs. Identify where roof leaks.	
Exterior Painting	
Doors and Windows. Describe repairs required, including locks, glass, frames, storm door, etc.	
General Cleaning. Indicate if there is cleaning and/or trash removal required. Identify if yard work is necessary.	
Other. Identify other repairs requested but not listed above.	
