



# World Habitat Day

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An E-Newsletter from Europe, Middle East and Africa

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Did you know that one in four people around the world live in conditions that harm their health, safety, prosperity and opportunities?

Home is a basis for our lives. Safe and healthy living conditions prevent injury, disease and death. Join us around the world as we prepare for World Habitat Day on October 7 and tell people why everyone deserves a decent place to call home. Forward this newsletter to five friends and encourage them to get involved.

We can all work together to make a difference!



### A day of grassroots action to promote decent housing

The United Nations has declared the first Monday in October to be World Habitat Day. This is a time to recognize the basic need for adequate shelter. You can participate and [help us spread the word](#) about the housing need.



### Bricks, tiles and pipes for people in need

Austrian companies from the Wienerberger group – all leading suppliers of construction materials – have partnered with Habitat for Humanity. [Find out](#) how they are contributing to social housing in Bulgaria and Romania.



### Kenya: Habitat for Humanity and The MasterCard Foundation

Kenya is one of three African countries where Habitat for Humanity and The MasterCard Foundation have [launched a partnership](#) to expand microfinance services by existing financial institutions.



### **Romania: Big Build 2013**

Big Build is an annual event of Habitat for Humanity Romania to celebrate World Habitat Day. It takes place in poor communities and supports very low income families who otherwise get no help. Curious who will benefit from it [this year?](#)

## **News in Brief**

### **30 Years of Building with the Carters**

When the [Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project](#) begins on Oct. 6, it will be the 30th year that our most famous volunteers have given a week of their time to help build and improve houses.

### **Wharton-Habitat housing finance course**

The course is part of the biennial Asia-Pacific Housing Forum which takes place at Dusit Thani Manila from 2-4 October, 2013. This one-day exercise is a collaboration of the school's International Housing Finance Program and Habitat's housing finance department. Check the [Asia-Pacific Housing Forum site](#).

### **Procter & Gamble and Habitat for Humanity Announce Global Partnership to Help Create Homes in 12 Countries**

For Habitat, this commitment is highest level of global volunteer engagement from a partner in a single year, with nearly 3,000 employees volunteering on more than 30 sites around the world in 2013. In Europe, P&G employees will volunteer in Poland. Read more in the [news release](#).

### **Habitat for Humanity announces a three-year, \$7.5 million partnership with the Hilti Foundation**

The partnership supports the MicroBuild Fund, Habitat's initiative to make affordable housing finance a vibrant part of the global microfinance sector while serving thousands of poor families with a combination of financial and housing support services to improve their homes incrementally. Read more in the [news release](#).

### **Habitat and Social Media**

Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#).

### **Thanksgiving trip in Sri Lanka**

23-30 November, 2013: Join Seda and Naira and their team to help a family in need of a safe, decent and affordable shelter in Sri Lanka. Find out more about the trip and contact the team leaders [here](#).

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*Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that safe and affordable housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat has helped more than 3 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates for fair and just housing policies and provides training and access to resources to help more families improve their shelter conditions. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To get more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [www.habitateurope.org](http://www.habitateurope.org).*

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