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A Brush with Kindness Quick Facts

This year Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will begin a new community program called, *A Brush with Kindness* in the greater Los Angeles area.

- *A Brush with Kindness* is a benevolent program serving low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances who struggle to maintain their homes.
- Homeowners with disabilities and senior citizens will be given priority.
- *A Brush with Kindness* will focus on exterior home repair services (painting, minor exterior repairs, landscaping, exterior clean-up) performed by volunteers and led by Habitat for Humanity staff. Groups of 10-20 volunteers work alongside able bodied homeowners to revitalize a home's exterior. *A Brush with Kindness* provides tools for the volunteers to use on site. Teams are lead by our experienced staff and given support to make the experience of helping others, a positive one.
- Typical *A Brush with Kindness* projects can include a fresh coat of paint, safety-related improvements, roof repair, and landscaping.
- *Brush with Kindness* repairs help maintain the health and safety of the occupants, preserve the dwelling and enhance neighborhoods and the city at large.
- By targeting specific communities in need, *A Brush with Kindness* makes a noticeable impact, revitalizing the appearance of the homes and strengthening connections in the community.
- Neighborhoods that partner with Habitat for Humanity help us to become more familiar with the needs of the neighborhood, assist in referring qualified homeowners, and identify neighborhood areas that have the most need. Some neighborhoods assist with acquiring volunteer and financial resources.
- With a moderate investment of funds and the use of volunteer labor, Habitat for Humanity can now help low-income homeowners to continue to live independently and securely in their homes, remove blight, and, most importantly, help preserve the affordable housing stock in a community.

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