



## Jimmy Carter Work Project

### Historic Summary

President and Mrs. Carter committed to working with Habitat for Humanity in February 1984, the eighth year of Habitat's existence. The seed of the Jimmy Carter Work Project (JCWP) was planted a month later when the former president donated one day of his carpentry skills and manual labor at a work site in Americus, Georgia. Today, the annual Jimmy Carter Work Project draws thousands of volunteers and the world's attention to Habitat for Humanity's mission to eliminate poverty housing from the world.

### 1984/1985—New York, New York

In September 1984, the first Jimmy Carter Work Project was held, with the Carters joined by dozens of volunteers in the renovation of a six-story, 19-unit building. The Carters returned in July 1985 to complete the work.

### June 1986—Chicago, Illinois

The 1986 Jimmy Carter Work Project was held in Chicago, where about 150 volunteers—working in rainy conditions—built a four-unit townhouse.

### July 1987—Charlotte, North Carolina

Two hundred and thirty-five volunteers joined the Carters in the construction of 14 houses in Charlotte. This marked the first year that the event was held in tandem with a worldwide House-Raising Week with 250 to 300 homes under construction.

### June 1988—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Atlanta, Georgia

President and Mrs. Carter, along with 200 volunteers, renovated a 10-unit rowhouse in a section of North Philadelphia. At the same time, the JCWP drew 1,000 volunteers and saw the completion of 20 houses in Atlanta. An estimated 200 houses were begun, built or rehabbed during House-Raising Week '88.

### June 1989—Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Carters joined nearly 1,000 volunteers to complete six new houses and renovate eight others in Milwaukee. House-Raising Week '89 resulted in nearly 500 houses.

### June 1990—Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego, California

An estimated 2,000 volunteers raised 100 houses in Tijuana and an additional seven in San Diego. President and Mrs. Carter were joined in Mexico by 73 volunteers who walked from Pasadena to Tijuana and raised a total of \$90,000 in pledges for Habitat's work.

### June 1991—Miami, Florida

Carter returned to the riot-devastated Liberty City area, which he had visited as president in 1979. More than 400 volunteers spent the week building 14 houses and a day-care center.

### June 1992—Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland

The Carters joined 1,000 volunteers in Washington, D.C., to complete 10 houses in the nation's capital; one



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of these was constructed by an all-woman crew. Also, 10 row-houses were rehabbed in the Sandtown area of Baltimore.

### **July 1993—Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Waterloo, Ontario, Canada**

More than 1,100 volunteers joined President and Mrs. Carter for the first JCWP held entirely outside of the United States. The week of July 18 to 24 saw the construction of 18 houses in Winnipeg and an additional 10 houses in Waterloo.

### **July 1994—Eagle Butte, South Dakota**

The 1994 JCWP marked the partnership of Habitat for Humanity and the Native American population as the project was held on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Thirty houses were completed.

### **June 1995—Southern California**

During the week of June 18 to 24, more than 1,500 volunteers from 39 states and five countries participated in the JCWP. Twenty-one houses were built in the Watts/Willowbrook community of Los Angeles, while accelerated builds were held at five other affiliates.

### **August 1996—Vác, Hungary**

The 1996 JCWP took place from Aug. 11 to 17. Five hundred volunteers from 23 countries gathered with the Carters to build 10 houses in one week.

### **June 1997—Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee**

From June 15 to 21, some 3,300 volunteers from all over the world helped build 52 houses at 12 sites in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky and Tennessee.

### **June 1998—Houston, Texas**

From June 14 to 20, "Project Houston" constructed 100 Habitat houses in four inner-city neighborhoods, including the lowest-income neighborhoods in Houston. More than 6,000 volunteers from around the world joined the Carters.

### **March 1999—Metro Manila, Bacolod City, Tagbilaran City, Dumaguete City, General Santos City and Parañaque, Philippines**

During the week of March 21 to 27, some 14,000 volunteers

from 32 countries converged on six sites in the Philippines to build 293 decent, affordable houses.

### **September 2000—New York, New York; Jacksonville, Florida; and Plains and Americus, Georgia**

The Carters joined volunteers to build Habitat's milestone 100,000th house in New York, site of the first JCWP. The JCWP 2000 event involved the construction of 157 houses.

### **August 2001—Seoul, South Korea**

The Carters joined 10,000 volunteers from around the world to build 136 homes in Seoul in a single week.

### **June 2002—Durban, South Africa**

The Carters led the first JCWP in Africa, June 3 to 7. Volunteers helped rebuild a neighborhood torn down by apartheid. Three thousand volunteers built 100 houses in one week. The JCWP 2002 was a culmination of 1,000 houses being built on the African continent.

### **June 2003—Anniston, Alabama; and LaGrange and Valdosta, Georgia**

The 20th Jimmy Carter Work Project took place June 6 to 13. The Carters joined more than 4,000 volunteers from around the world to build 92 homes.

### **October 2004—Puebla and Veracruz, Mexico**

The Carters led 4,000 volunteers to build 150 homes with families in Puebla and Veracruz, Oct. 24 to 29.

### **June 2005—Benton Harbor and Detroit, Michigan; and Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

During the week of June 19 to 24, the Carters joined more than 4,000 volunteers from around the world and built 50 houses with families in Benton Harbor and Detroit and six houses in Windsor. Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout Michigan constructed 238 houses as part of the JCWP 2005.

### **October 2006—Lonavala, India**

The 2006 JCWP will take place Oct. 29 through Nov. 3 in Lonavala, India. During this week, more than 2,000 volunteers will join President and Mrs. Carter in building 100 houses with homeowners from around the area.

