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www.lagrangehabitat.org

Dear Applicant,

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry financed through private donations and utilizing volunteer labor. Our purpose is to build homes with families and sell the houses at *no profit and no interest to families who could not otherwise afford a home.*

Please read the following items to see if you have an interest in our ministry AND to see if you meet our general guidelines:

1. To qualify, you must have housing need. For example: no indoor plumbing, poor heating, leaks in the roof, overcrowding, unsafe or unsanitary conditions.
2. You need to be a LaGrange County resident or landowner, or have students attending school within LaGrange County.
3. Priority will be given to applicants whose income falls between 30 and 60 percent of the LaGrange County's median income; see insert for the exact figures for the current year.
4. With your permission, we will verify employment and other income, verify checking and savings account balances, get a statement from your current and previous landlords, have a credit check and a criminal reference check done, and ask you for credit references. Part of the screening process will also include 1 or more home visits and family interviews.
5. If you are approved for a LaGrange County Habitat home, we ask that you be willing to participate in educational programs as recommended by the Family Support Committee.
6. If you are approved for a LaGrange County Habitat home, we ask that each adult family member be willing to work 125 hours of sweat equity, 25 of those hours before construction can begin on your home. In addition, we ask that your adult family members and friends be willing to work 100 hours of sweat equity on your home.

Families not initially accepted may reapply during other application periods should their circumstances change.

If you are interested in LCHFH, and if you believe you qualify for a home according to the above guidelines, we encourage you to apply for a LCHFH home. Please mail us the following 4 forms:

- _____ 1. Completed "Application for Housing" form
- _____ 2. Completed "Consent and Authorization to Receive, Exchange, and Release Information" form
- _____ 3. Copies of the most recent 1040 IRS forms for the applicant and the co-applicant
- _____ 4. Copies of your most recent pay stubs for a 1 month pay period.

All applications must be postmarked by _____.

All information is considered confidential and is to be used only for family selection.

We are very willing to help you fill out this application and provide assistance with translation. If you have any questions, please call LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity at 463-8519 to make an appointment or leave a message at the above number at any time.

Sincerely,

Family Selection Committee

