

## why giving locally matters

Giving to non profits is for most of us, about passion, empathy and love of humankind. We choose to give to make a difference in the lives of others. We choose an organization which we trust can make a difference in a field that is close to our hearts. So, we wanted to take just a moment of your time, to encourage and applaud your giving, and to ask that you consider directing at least part of your giving locally. If empowering people to build stronger, more stable and self reliant lives through shelter is something you support, we would like you to read a little further.

We at Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut, Inc. are extremely proud of the work we do in eastern Connecticut. Directly correlated to this level of pride is the pride that we feel for, and from our community.

Many individuals do not realize that each Habitat affiliate functions completely on their own. Each of the 1,400 local affiliates in the United States are responsible for acquiring their own property, their own funding and their own volunteers. In fact, each affiliate is actually required to tithe with Habitat for Humanity International in Americus, Georgia. To date, our affiliate has tithed more than \$370,000 to Habitat International supporting affiliates in Haiti, Egypt, Zambia and others.

Knowing this information, it's beautiful to step back and truly see the local support that blesses Habitat of Eastern CT. Without the support of our community, we would never be able to say that we have built over 75 homes in the past 30 years. Even more amazing is knowing that not only were our homes funded by our community, they are built by our community and our homeowners are successful because of the support of the community.

The act of our partners giving locally has made an immeasurable impact to our eastern Connecticut community. For this, we cannot thank you enough. With the philanthropic spirit and support of our partners in eastern Connecticut, we can continue to come together, build together and strengthen our community together.

**Please give locally ....when you support Habitat of Eastern CT you are also supporting Habitat International.**



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helps a family build a decent and affordable home.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better life

