Commentary on Energy Resources & Customer Service

Habitat for Humanity® of Greater Sacramento

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Constructing and Preserving Affordable Housing in the Greater Sacramento Region since 1985

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento services qualified low-income families, seniors, and veterans through affordable homeownership and repair opportunities.

Homeowner Partners:
- Earning between 30-80% of Area Median Income
  - Example: Family of four earning between $25,750 to $66,900 gross annual income.
- In need of affordable housing
- Hand-up, not hand-out (500 hours of sweat equity and purchase the home for an affordable mortgage)
- 65% Black/Latinx/Asian

Home Repair Recipients:
- Earning under 80% Area Median Income
- Sweat equity and 0% interest, 20% payback component
- 55% Black, 34% Disabled, 16% Veterans. Average age 68.6 years old.
Why Safe, Decent, Healthy, Affordable Homeownership is more critical than ever

- With the current pandemic, safe and affordable housing is now the key to everything.

- Low-income families and People of Color have been hit hardest by the impacts of COVID-19.

- The best rent control is an affordable mortgage.

- Equity and wealth building opportunities for low-income individuals and People of Color.
Partnership with SMUD: 30 Years to Now

- Over 24,000 volunteer hours
- Nearly 80 homes touched through donations or volunteer support
- Currently doing 50 SMUD projects in 2020 (EV, electrification, energy-efficiency, and SOLAR)

everyone deserves a decent place to live.
Solar & Sustainability
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento has been putting solar on new homes for low-income families since 2009.

Coupled with the home repairs with SMUD, over 120 Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento homeowners and home repair partners have solar on their Sacramento homes.

That is nearly 500 low-income individuals in the Sacramento region with solar.
Sandra Granados

• Single mother of 3, low-income

• Medical Assistant

• Formerly Homeless and was sleeping on a couch prior to purchasing her Habitat home

• Habitat Homeowner, Ward 6
Cleo Schuler

- Marine Corps Veteran
- Disabled (double amputee)
- Senior on fixed income living in Del Paso Heights
- Habitat Home Repair Recipient, Ward 5
Solar Savings are critical and impactful for these low-income homeowners

“It’s very affordable. I pay less than $20 a month.”

Pejinesh Wondimu, Habitat homeowner, low-income Ward 6

Chris Mitic and Veteran Miles Maria, Habitat Repair Recipients, Ward 2
We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Not all people with solar have income to spare

There are many low-income residents (nearly 500 just through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento) that have solar in this community.

Please consider these individuals when making decisions of adding costs to having solar.