

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity

Ottawa, OH

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ABOUT

IMPACT (2017-2020)

- 2 direct jobs created or retained
- 40 households/families assisted
- 12 new homes constructed
- \$1.1 million in total financing secured
- www.putnamohhabitat.org

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity's mission statement is "With God's grace and the cooperation of people from all walks of life, Putnam County Habitat for Humanity partners with families in need to build, own and maintain simple, decent, affordable homes, all for the purpose of strengthening a sense of community".

The affiliate takes this mission seriously and works hard to incorporate all walks of life into their organization. The affiliate started its Critical Home Repair program in 2017 and has served more than 30 families; mostly seniors. The USDA partnership has been the most important component in their ability to serve the needs of their community.

Putnam County Habitat has been able to utilize over \$100,000.00 in USDA grants and loans for their repair program partner families. If it wasn't for these funds, dozens of families would still be living in unsafe and unhealthy homes.



SUCCESS STORY



A NEW ROOF FOR THE ELKINS FAMILY

Larry Elkins is a U.S. Army veteran. Through the years, several health issues and physical hurdles hindered his ability to maintain his home. Adding to these struggles, his wife Miriam was diagnosed with cancer. During the project, she was completing her 3rd successful defeat of the disease. The roof was in major disrepair.

Putnam County Habitat volunteers and community members rallied around the project and completed it, in difficult weather and circumstances. Larry qualified for USDA 504 Grant funding that helped offset the financial burden. Additionally, multiple entities from the community submitted financial contributions to pay off all other construction costs. The local American Legion Post 541 provided meals, while Rollin' Thunder Motorcycle Club provided experienced volunteers. It was a complete community project and success story.

MORE ON PUTNAM COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- 40+ community development projects assisted
- 50+ clients served by community development projects
- 30+ families served through Critical Home Repair program launched in 2017