**Habitat for Humanity – Rabun County**

**Family Selection Partnership Guidelines**

1. **Houses will only be built with families who do not presently have adequate housing and who do not have the financial resources to purchase a house by conventional means. Family size and need will be considered.**
2. **Preference will be given to applicants for partnership who have been residents of Rabun County for a period of two years and are U.S. citizens.**
3. **In each instance when Habitat joins in partnership with a family to build, Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) of the family’s anticipated down payment is expected to be paid to Habitat of Humanity of Rabun County prior to the family occupying the house.**
4. **Families selected to have a house built or repaired in partnership with Habitat will be expected to be active in the construction of other Habitat houses before and after the building of their own house. Each two-adult family is required to contribute 300 working hours, called “sweat equity,” to the Habitat programs. Single parent families are required to contribute 250 hours. Relatives and friends may also contribute up to 100 hours towards sweat equity. Sweat equity must be completed prior to home occupancy.**
5. **Families must demonstrate the financial resources to pay the scheduled monthly payment in a timely manner. The exact amount of payment will be determined on an individual basis.**
6. **Only families who have demonstrated honesty and dependability will be considered for housing through Habitat for Humanity of Rabun County.**
7. **The partnership family of a Habitat Home is responsible for the maintenance, repairs, insurance and taxes from the time of occupancy.**
8. **Partnership families will be required to attend and complete financial planning classes prior to taking occupancy of the home.**
9. **The selection process will not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.**

**I have read and I understand the above guidelines and agree with each one as stated.**

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