



Building More Than Houses

A 2012 survey reporting on the permanent and positive impact homeownership has on families.

In 2012, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and Didi Fahey, Ph.D., conducted a survey of more than 400 families who have partnered with our program and live in a Habitat home in the metro Denver community. All statements below are in comparison to local averages from data gained from national databases and are based on similar demographic and economic groups.*

Education

Children raised in a Habitat home are twice as likely to go to college. Habitat homeowners are more likely to seek out additional educational opportunities.

Habitat homeowners are more likely to read often and be very involved in their children's education.

More than 90% of children raised in a Habitat home anticipate going to college.

Stability

Habitat homeowners are more likely to feel safe in their home and their neighborhood.

Habitat homeowners feel that they have job security and like their jobs. More than 80% of Habitat homeowners feel confident in managing their finances.

Health & Lifestyle

Habitat homeowners are more likely to practice healthy diet habits. Families are more likely to celebrate special occasions in their home. Parents feel that their home is large enough for their family.

*The national databases used for comparison in this study include: American Community Survey, US Census Bureau, 2008 - 2012; Current Population Survey, US Census Bureau, 2008 - 2010; Survey of Income and Program Participation, US Census Bureau, 2008 Panel Survey; Fast Response School Survey, National Center of Educational Statistics, 2009 - 2010.