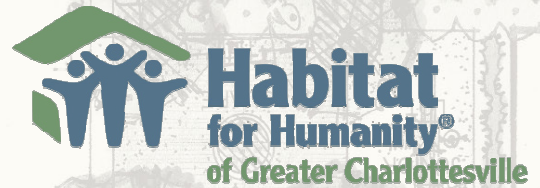


The New Paradigm



Building Homes Building Partnerships Building Community

VALUE AND IMPACT OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

How Homeownership Affects Homeowners, Children of Homeowners & Their Neighborhoods and Communities

HOMEOWNERS ARE:

- ⇒ More likely to offer a more **supportive home environment** for their children and transfer **management and financial skills** necessary for homeownership to their children
- ⇒ More likely to vote locally (69% vs. 44% for renters) and in presidential elections, work to **solve local problems**, and know their public officials by name
- ⇒ **More likely to participate** in civic organizations, community affairs and volunteer organizations
- ⇒ **Happier and more satisfied** with their lives and their choice to purchase rather than rent (even after 3 years of ownership in less desirable neighborhoods)
- ⇒ **Friendlier and more socially communicative** with neighbors, and have increased self-esteem, personal security and personal health

CHILDREN OF HOMEOWNERS (INCLUDING LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS):

- ⇒ Are more likely to **achieve higher grades** on academic (math & reading) achievement tests, more likely to **graduate from high school**, achieve **higher levels of educations**, income and savings and translate educational attainment into **increased earnings**
- ⇒ Are **less likely to be behavioral problems** in high school and **less likely to become pregnant** as teenagers
- ⇒ Earn **substantially higher levels of housing and non-housing wealth** than children of renters
- ⇒ Hold a **preference for homeownership** and are more **likely to become homeowners** themselves

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM HOMEOWNERSHIP:

- ⇒ Homeowners **accumulate wealth in the form of housing equity**. Home equity becomes the largest and most productive wealth accumulation vehicle for lower income families
- ⇒ Homeowners are more likely to **maintain and repair their property**
- ⇒ Increase in home ownership levels in neighborhood leads to **increased property values of single-family, owner occupied units**
- ⇒ Homeowners are less mobile, resulting in **household and neighborhood stability**
- ⇒ Homeowners are more likely to **recycle** and **belong to a church** or community organization
- ⇒ Homeowners are **less likely to suffer a loss from crime** or be a victim of violent crime
- ⇒ Evidence suggests that if **more families are able to achieve homeownership today**, there will be a substantially **higher proportion of children striving for and achieving homeownership tomorrow**.



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