



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

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Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley completes a historic remodel.

Elgin, Ill. – October, 18 2016 – Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley (HFHNFV) completed a renovation of a 2-unit project at 463-465 St. Charles Street in Elgin. The project involved 957 volunteers providing over 12,000 volunteer hours to completely remodel the interior and exterior of the project. Restoration of the exterior of the house took over 6 months. Work included reconstruction of 3 porches, 4 gable ends, and the partial replacement of siding due to years of non-historic upkeep. Paint colors were selected with the help of HFHNFV staff and the City of Elgin to retain the home's historic characteristics.

The entire interior of the structure was gutted, including the floor structures. From there, volunteer work included framing, insulation, drywall, and all interior finishes (painting, flooring, cabinetry, etc.). Throughout the process, the future homeowners provided "sweat equity" working alongside volunteers, after which, the units were sold at a zero-interest loan.

History of the property

Originally, the home was built by builder P. A. Garten for William R. and Elizabeth Fuller in 1892. William was born in East Dundee, IL in 1840. His parents emigrated from New York, where they were born. Elizabeth was also born in Illinois with her father from England and her mother born in Illinois. William married Elizabeth Tazewell in 1880. The Fullers had one son, William T. Fuller, who was born in 1903. William F. passed away in 1922 leaving the home to Elizabeth until she passed in 1946.

About Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity's work is accomplished at the community level by affiliates – independent, locally run, nonprofit organizations. Each affiliate coordinates all aspects of Habitat's home building in its local area – fundraising, site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction and mortgage servicing. Founded in 1990, the Northern Fox Valley affiliate works in Chicagoland's northwest suburban area.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 in Americus Georgia, by Millard and Linda Fuller. Habitat International has served 1 million families in over 70 countries worldwide.

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