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### **Rice County Habitat for Humanity seeking applicants for 2013**

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Rice County Habitat for Humanity is looking for applicants for programs in 2013. Habitat has two programs. The first is the New Homeownership Program where a house is built and sold to the family with a 0% interest loan. Habitat is building two homes in 2013 – one in Dundas and one in Faribault. Household income cannot be above \$36,950. Sweat equity, income and other restrictions do apply, but the first step is to complete an application which can be found on-line at [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org) or by calling 507-744-2933.

The second program is called A Brush With Kindness. Habitat will be doing several of these projects throughout Rice County. Habitat is seeking homeowners (with household incomes less than \$36,950) who need help fixing up the exterior of their home (gutter repair, painting, ramp installation, sidewalk repair, etc.) or improving the interior of their home due to a health or safety concern (air quality issues, accessibility issues, etc.). Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce its continued partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, and the development of the Repair Corps program for Veterans with a focus on supporting critical home repairs. Critical Home Repairs are defined as “*extensive interior or exterior work performed to alleviate critical health, life and safety issues or code violations, including a change to or repair of materials or components; a reconfiguration of space; a modification for accessibility; installation or extension of plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems on an existing structure.*” Again, sweat equity, income and other restrictions apply, but the first step is to get an application. If you are a Veteran, or know a Veteran, who could benefit from this program, please call 507-744-2933 or go to our website: [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org).

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