



## *Ramp It Up*

quick and easy installed **temporary aluminum ramps** for qualified homeowners in need

Our Ramp Program helps lower-income homeowners who are **temporarily** affected by disability and struggle to maintain access in and out of their homes. HFHCM works to eliminate barriers to housing stability by focusing on accessibility so people can remain in their own homes.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

- A referral from either Cape May County Office on Aging and Disability Services or the CMC Veterans Services or a doctor (for medical needs) is required.
- Proof or supporting documentation is needed for the following: all sources of income for all members of the household (two most recent bank statements, tax returns, or pay stubs) AND proof of active homeownership (homeowners insurance declaration, the deed for the home, mortgage payment invoice, or a tax bill). **Your application is not complete until all needed documents are received by Habitat.**

### DO I QUALIFY?

- ☐ The applicant is the homeowner
- ☐ The home is in Cape May County
- ☐ The applicant is currently residing in the home unless the absence of a ramp makes the home inaccessible
- ☐ The homeowner is not at risk of losing home to foreclosure
- ☐ All household members pass a background check, including the sex offender registry.
- ☐ Able to pay the \$100 installation fee prior to installation
- ☐ I will contact Habitat for Humanity Cape May County for removal if the ramp is no longer needed.
- ☐ **I understand that the use of the ramp is for six months following installation and Habitat will reevaluate if an extension of time is needed or if the need for a permanent ramp solution is warranted and options that may be available through the use of Habitat volunteers.**

### IS THERE A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION?

The homeowner is financially responsible for a \$100 fee due prior to installation. Checks are payable to: Habitat for Humanity Cape May County. Cash is also acceptable.

Maximum Income Limits are as follows:

| # of people living in household | Income Limit |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1                               | \$46,735     |
| 2                               | \$53,430     |
| 3                               | \$60,125     |
| 4                               | \$66,755     |
| 5                               | \$72,150     |
| 6                               | \$77,480     |
| 7                               | \$82,810     |
| 8                               | \$88,140     |

What to expect after you submit your application:

- If your application is conditionally approved, a construction team member will visit your house and take measurements and pictures of the exterior to assess the project and determine if our equipment will be appropriate for the structure.
- You will receive notification from Habitat Cape May within 30 days of submitting an application to let you know if your application status is approved, denied, or if more information is needed.
- If it is approved, you will approve the work plan and have a full understanding of the temporary use obligation before any work begins.
- You will review and sign a partnership agreement with Habitat for Humanity Cape May that states the details of your project and our commitments to each other. The partnership agreement will include an agreed upon date to perform the installation.
- Habitat will conduct a criminal and sex offender record search for all adults in the house over the age of 18.

On the installation date:

- Please advise if there are PETS ON PREMISE – they should be contained during Habitat site visits for the safety of our volunteers conducting work on your property
- **Please clear the area for the ramp and the delivery truck. If you are unable to do so, please reach out to neighbors or friends to help. This will ensure a quicker installation.**
- The homeowner MUST be present for the duration of the installation.
- At Habitat for Humanity of Cape May County, we love celebrating our partner families' journeys. As part of our program, we may share your story through photos, videos, or local media to inspire others. If you have privacy or safety concerns, we'll work with you to find the best way to share your experience. For any questions or to discuss your preferences, please contact our Executive Director at [executive.director@habitatcapemay.org](mailto:executive.director@habitatcapemay.org).
- Once the work is complete, you will review and sign a Certificate of Completion and have the opportunity to participate in a short survey about your experience with the Ramp It Up Program, and to share how the repair was beneficial to you.