



Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for contacting the HomeFront program. Since 1988, members of the community have been teaming up with our program to provide quality of life repairs for homeowners with significant financial limitations. Up to now, more than 3,100 neighbors have received assistance in our program's history.

All of the repairs delivered by HomeFront are at no cost to the homeowner. Some of the repairs are provided by teams of volunteers in a one-day effort, either during the Spring or Fall. Through our new Critical Pro Repair (CPR) service, HomeFront also provides more targeted, technical repairs that can be tackled by a few professionals on a year-round basis. Qualifications for HomeFront are based on need, the condition of the home, and the ability of participating volunteers to undertake needed repairs. The applicant should list special considerations, such as health needs.

I invite you to review the enclosed information. If you feel that you would qualify, please fill out both sides of the accompanying "Homeowner Application" and mail, email or fax it in to us. HomeFront representatives will be in contact to set up a mutually convenient appointment to get a firsthand look at your repairs.

The HomeFront program does not verbally communicate any information on whether or not an applicant will be assisted. All applicants will be notified ***in writing*** if we are able to assist them. We are always available to answer any questions that you may have at our toll-free number: 800-887-4673.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sean C. O'Brien
Executive Director

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APPLYING TO OUR PROGRAM IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS:

- **STEP ONE – The Application**

You Are Eligible to Apply If:
1) You live in any of the following counties: Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, Connecticut; or Westchester County, New York.
2) Your total annual household income qualifies you as low-income in your community. This includes all income sources: social security, pension, rents, investments, unemployment, etc. Applicants must disclose the income of all adults who live at the property.
3) Your home is your only residence.
4) You currently live in the home for which you are seeking assistance.
5) You have every intention of remaining in your home for at least five years.
6) You divulge tax liens or any other reason that you may lose your home to foreclosure.
7) You are willing to disclose arrangements to resolve liens or back taxes.

You Are NOT Eligible to Apply If:
1) You do not live in any of the following counties: Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, Connecticut; or Westchester County, New York.
2) You own more than one home.
3) Your annual income combined with other household members exceeds low income standards in your community.
4) You plan to sell your home within the next five years.
5) You do not currently live in the home for which you are seeking assistance.
6) You live in an apartment, condominium or mobile home.

We suggest that those who are not eligible to apply for assistance from our program consult your local social service agency.

- **STEP TWO – The Site Visit**

Once the application is received, we will start by checking to see if volunteer teams are available in your area to help. If volunteer teams are identified within your community then we will contact each homeowner to schedule a site visit to evaluate the repair needs.



WHAT IS THE HOMEFRONT PROGRAM?

HomeFront is a community-based home repair program that helps homeowners and community centers who are financially unable to maintain their homes/facilities. Repairs are made by sponsoring teams of volunteers at no cost to the recipients, primarily in a one-day effort each Spring and Fall. HomeFront also assists with more targeted repair needs, year-round through our Critical Pro Repair (CPR) service.

2023 marks HomeFront's 36th season. We have operated in over 150 communities. Each year thousands of volunteers (many of whom are professional trades people) repair homes, shelters and community centers in Fairfield, New Haven, Hartford and Litchfield Counties in Connecticut, as well as Westchester County, New York.

HOW ARE HOMES SELECTED?

HomeFront selects homeowners on the basis of individual needs, number of teams, and the available funds to support each project. With referral help from community service organizations, senior citizen groups, religious organizations, public service advertising and "word of mouth," HomeFront evaluates more than 800 applicants each year. The homes must be owner occupied. Candidates may apply at any time during the year. Home evaluation visits are conducted year-round.

WHAT REPAIRS ARE DONE?

The goal of HomeFront is to provide free construction repairs to homes and community centers focusing on the neediest circumstances. Our program staff and volunteers work "hand in hand" with the recipients to provide improvements and repairs that will be the most meaningful to them and have the greatest impact on their quality of life. Repairs include carpentry, plumbing, electric work, drywall, weatherproofing, roof repairs, lock repair, window replacement, installation of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, painting, cleaning, and yard work, among others.

WHO PAYS FOR THE REPAIRS?

HomeFront relies on contributions from companies, faith-based, civic and educational groups, as well as from individuals to cover direct costs of the program. In addition, local suppliers and manufacturers are asked to donate materials and professionals donate their services. There is no cost to the homeowner or community center to receive assistance from HomeFront.



WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers come from all walks of life in a true vertical slice of our neighborhoods. Firemen, lawyers, accountants, business people, clerks, and delivery people all come together to help a neighbor in need. Simply put, if you have an interest in home repair and can lend a hand, we can use your help.

Young adults are welcome, too! Young adults, ages 14-17, can work with adult supervision according to a three-young-adults-to-one-adult ratio. Individuals are encouraged to volunteer by calling 1-800-887-HOPE (4673). Most volunteers are affiliated with a sponsoring organization.

Volunteers need not be skilled at home repair. Any talent can and will be put to use. Each team consists of 20 or more volunteers. Smaller groups of volunteers are welcome and will be assigned if a project calls for reinforcements.

Each team is led by a House Captain (frequently a building trades professional) and a Volunteer Coordinator. These leaders ensure a smooth implementation of the program on HomeFront Day.

WHERE DO SKILLED VOLUNTEERS COME FROM?

Community-minded companies and individuals participate in the program by contributing their skills, equipment, trucks, tools and services, all of which are assigned to homes on an as-needed basis. Without our professional service volunteers (electricians, carpenters, tree surgeons, plumbers, etc.), many of these repairs could not be done.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled, are needed to work year-round at HomeFront to help with planning, organizing, and recruiting. Financial gifts and donations of products and services are greatly appreciated. Donations to HomeFront are tax deductible.

HomeFront is dedicated to reaching out to our neighbors in need. We believe that through the generosity and concern of many people in our cities and towns, we can restore HOPE to families and HELP to make our communities better and brighter places.

To volunteer, contribute, or recommend someone for help,
please call HomeFront at 1-800-887-HOPE (4673).

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District # _____

Acknowledged _____

HOMEFRONT HOMEOWNER APPLICATION

Date: _____

HOMEOWNER NAME(S)**Note:** HomeFront is not able to provide repair assistance for condominiums, co-ops, and mobile homes.

Ms./Mrs./Mr.	First:		Last:	
Street:			City:	
State:		Zip:	Home Phone:	
Other Phone:				Email:

****Each year many applicants do not receive consideration because they could not be reached.****

Name of person submitting application if other than Homeowner: _____

Please list names and ages of all household members below:

Name(s)	Current Age	Current Annual Income
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
***If this is a multiple-family home, please list rental income. ***		\$
Total Gross Household Annual Income		\$

How much money is in savings for the household? \$ _____

Is the Homeowner a single parent with dependent children living in the house? Yes NoAre the property taxes paid up to date? Yes No If no, how much is in arrears? \$ _____Does anyone in the household have a disability? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Is the Homeowner 65 years old or older? Yes NoIs anyone in your household a veteran? Yes No Please specify: _____

Please list the top three (3) most needed repairs. *Note: Our program is limited to one (1) day of work.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How did you hear about HomeFront? Newspaper Church Friend/Family Other****If other resources are available, may we refer you to other agencies? Yes No******Note:** HomeFront does not provide driveway paving. We undertake typical residential repairs in this one-day effort. Applicants are contacted year-round to schedule a home visit. HomeFront does not verbally communicate any information on whether or not an applicant will be assisted. All applicants will be **notified in writing only** as to whether or not they have been accepted as a HomeFront recipient.**PLEASE COMPLETE & SIGN REVERSE SIDE**

HOUSE SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

If my house is selected for improvement as part of the HomeFront Program, I understand and agree to the following:

1. I own the property being considered and all information given in this application package is, to my knowledge, true and accurate.
2. I currently live in the home for which I am seeking assistance.
3. The people working on my home are unpaid volunteers, not necessarily skilled in the building trades; and HomeFront does not guarantee the materials used or work done by anyone on my house.
4. Any family, friends or representatives who are unwilling to help must be away from my house during HomeFront Day, if physically able. Any of my family, friends or representatives who wish to work with the HomeFront volunteers may do so under the direction of the team leaders. If physically unable, I am not required to work and may remain at the home all day.
5. HomeFront is authorized to verify the accuracy of all information provided to determine my eligibility.
6. I have have not applied for or received help from HomeFront, Inc. or similar programs. Keep in mind that providing this information does not reduce your chances of being helped by HomeFront. Please list name(s) of program(s) and year applied and helped, if applicable.

7. I do not plan to leave or sell my house within five years of my HomeFront Day project.
8. Yes No **I am the sole owner of the property being considered and my household income is as I have stated on the front page of this application.**

OR

Yes No **I am the co-owner of the property being considered and the other co-owner's gross income is \$_____ and my total household income is as I have stated on the front page of this application.**

9. I do not own more than one home.
10. I will not hold HomeFront and all associated liable for any reason.
11. **I understand that submission of this application package is in no way a guarantee of a service and that the selections of recipients are based on need, available volunteer teams, and HomeFront's ability to undertake the needed repairs.**

Homeowner's Signature _____ Date _____

Homeowner's Name (Please Print) _____

**After completing both sides of application, please mail to:
HomeFront, Inc.
88 Hamilton Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902**

Fax:203-702-5201 or Email:info@homefrontprogram.org

You may contact us at 800-887-4673 (HOPE) with any questions.