



Northwest Louisiana

**Building Homes, Building Lives,
Changing Communities... Get Involved**

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. ~ Psalm 127:1

FACT SHEET 2011

What is The Fuller Center for Housing?

The Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to eradicate poverty housing by promoting partnerships with individuals and community groups to **build** and **repair** homes for people in need. Our ministry was founded upon the principles established by Millard and Linda Fuller, the co-founders of Habitat for Humanity.

How do you accomplish your mission?

The Fuller Center NWLA creates partnerships within communities. We bring together churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations to build decent, affordable homes for people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means. The Fuller Center works in collaboration with our covenant partners, other service-oriented organizations and countless volunteers to **build** and **repair** homes.

Home-Building Program

All homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build their own homes, which are then sold to them on terms they can afford. Our model is based on the Biblical idea of no-profit, no-interest loans.

Home-Repair Program

Homeowners with limited incomes can apply to our *Greater Blessing Program* to have their homes restored to a simple, decent living condition. We help those who do not have the means to make needed home repairs. Through the *Greater Blessing Program*, we have fixed leaking roofs and broken windows; we have made plumbing and flooring repairs; and we have built handicapped ramps and replaced rotting stairs.

The *Greater Blessing Program* is based on Jesus' teaching that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We allow homeowners to experience the "greater blessing" of giving. They have no legal obligation to repay the home-repair loans. We take a leap of faith in the basic goodness of humankind.

We are committed to good stewardship. We work hard to keep our administrative costs low and to select our recipient families wisely. We make sure that the maximum amount of each tax-deductible gift goes toward building and repairing homes for those in need.

Where are you currently building homes?

Since launching our Building on Higher Ground project in 2005, The Fuller Center

NWLA has built 43 new homes in the **Allendale** area of Shreveport, repaired 53 owner-occupied homes, and built four handicapped ramps. These 43 new homes provide housing for over 114 individuals, and the 53 Greater Blessing home-repair projects have benefited at least 130 individuals.

Property has been donated to the Fuller Center NWLA in the **Cedar Grove** and **Stoner Hill** areas to build homes. We are seeking additional property throughout Bossier, Caddo and Desoto parishes to build decent and affordable housing.

How can I get involved and help?

We are always in need of people's time, talents and treasures. There are many unique ways you can help our ministry serve others. We list just a few of your options below:

- 1. Volunteer** - Individuals committed to building homes can join one of The Fuller Center's upcoming builds. No experience is necessary.
- 2. Donate** - We welcome all donations to fund our programs. Tax-deductible contributions can be mailed to: The Fuller Center for Housing, P.O. Box 3173, Shreveport, LA 71133. You may also make a donation on-line at our website, www.fullercenternwla.org, In-kind donations of food for volunteers, building materials and services are also greatly appreciated.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Master Builder: \$50,000

Cornerstone: \$35,000

Craftsman: \$25,000

Apprentice: \$12,000

Offerings of any amount help to sustain the work of this ministry!

- 3. Share our Message** - Tell your family, friends and colleagues about The Fuller Center and its work. Talk to your church leaders about sponsoring a family or forming volunteer teams. Invite a member of our leadership team to speak with your church or mission about the Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana.