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## SGV Habitat for Humanity Holds 10-Day Blitz Build

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Driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, the local nonprofit organization will build an ADU unit over a 10-day period between July 10 and 19. — Photos courtesy San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity has recently announced its new program to help low-income homeowners add an accessory dwelling unit to their property to provide an affordable rental for a low-income household. Their unique program offers a zero-interest construction loan with SGV Habitat serving as the contractor for the project.

This opportunity comes at a time when many Californians are finding that an affordable home is becoming harder than ever to come by, and as ADUs are increasing in popularity across the state.

According to a recent report by the California Housing Partnership, the state needs to build 1.2 million affordable homes to meet the needs of low-income renters. Add to that nationwide, median rent in the United States increased by 22% in the five years between 2016 and 2021, while median household incomes increased by only 15%.

“The need for affordable housing in the area is overwhelming and opportunities like adding ADUs to communities allow families to stay in neighborhoods they grew up and helps aging adults stay close to their support systems,” said SGV Habitat CEO Bryan Wong. “Since I started this job in 2021 it has been my goal is to dramatically increase the number of affordable dwellings in the San Gabriel Valley and this is just one way we are doing that.”

Housing advocates have long touted ADUs as a solution to shortages and rising living costs. ADUs, or small rental units that can be added to existing properties and ease housing shortages, are at the forefront of the efforts to supply more affordable units. They are an attractive option because these units are affordable to construct, quick to build and generate revenue to the homeowner.

Between July 10 and 19, SGV Habitat will showcase their ADU program as a three-bedroom, two-bathroom unit is built in partnership with a local Baldwin Park family. Hundreds of volunteers will assist with the project, including individuals from throughout the San Gabriel Valley and groups from the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, Southern California Edison, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and others.

Those interested in volunteering can learn more and sign up at [sgvhabitat.org/volunteer/blitz-build/](https://sgvhabitat.org/volunteer/blitz-build/).

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, a small group of committed volunteers founded SGV Habitat in 1990. Fueled by the generosity of volunteers and donors, the organization has served more than 300 families in the local community and abroad. Families and individuals partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Through financial

support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. To learn more, visit [sgvHabitat.org](http://sgvHabitat.org).



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