



L.I.F.T. (Local Initiative for Troops)



Are you a Veteran homeowner in need of home repairs?
Monmouth County Habitat may be able to help!

Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity provides home repairs to eligible Veterans and Veteran families across all of Monmouth County.

The L.I.F.T. (Local Initiative for Troops) home repairs program was launched by Coastal Habitat in 2019 and expanded across Monmouth County in 2023 through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County. On July 1, 2024, the two Habitat affiliates merged to create **Monmouth County Habitat for Humanity**. This merger combined staff, volunteers, programs, and resources, to serve all 53 municipalities in Monmouth County more effectively and efficiently.

Even minor home repair projects can be overwhelming and costly to a low-income Veteran homeowner and the L.I.F.T. program aims to relieve concerns, and remedy safety and comfort issues. Habitat construction professionals and dedicated volunteers complete home repairs and upkeep projects at no cost to eligible Veterans. The program is driven by volunteer power, donations, and fundraising events.

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Projects Include:

- Wheelchair ramps
- Railing installation and repairs
- Fence installation and repairs
- Widening walkways for wheelchairs
- Window and door repairs and replacement
- General exterior and interior home repairs
- Landscape and yard clean-up
- Roofing projects (provided on a special project basis and are available subject to the availability of materials and installation services)





Our Impact

Our dedicated volunteers and construction staff have completed a variety of recent L.I.F.T. projects for Veteran families across Monmouth County:

- A new wheelchair ramp
- New windows for four homes
- Constructed/repaired three fences
- Replaced/repaired damaged sheetrock and ceilings
- Repainted exterior sections of a home
- Dismantled and removed an old shed
- Installed three new roofs
- Built and installed new cabinet doors
- Repaired crumbling brickwork and a sidewalk
- Repaired the windows in two homes
- Five general yard and landscape clean-up projects



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Veteran Spotlight



Paul was born in Brooklyn, New York, in February 1946. He joined the US Army in January 1966 and trained as a Radio Operator. After training he was assigned to a signal support unit in Panama. The unit's mission was communications with army posts around the globe, including Vietnam, where the American presence was growing. Paul served until 1968 and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharpshooter M-14 Badge. Paul is now an artist and author, and lives with his wife, Janice, and their dog, Luther, in Long Branch.

Paul sought help from Habitat's L.I.F.T. program due to an old, leaking roof. In 2023, in partnership with two community-minded local businesses, SRS Distribution, and USA Building Maintenance, Habitat provided Paul and Janice with a much-needed new roof on their home. This project was one of three roofing initiatives dedicated to Veteran families in 2023/24. Supporting Veterans like Paul is a privilege, and we are grateful to our generous community partners, supporters, and donors who make these projects possible.

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