



# Jimmy Carter, Wife Rehab Baltimore Home

## Couple Helped Habitat For Humanity Project

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**BALTIMORE** -- Former President Jimmy Carter was in Baltimore on Tuesday to help build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Carter spent a couple of days in a Cincinnati hospital last week, but he and his wife, Rosalynn, were still able to make it to east Baltimore, where they helped rehab a home on Jefferson Street. Resident Tymeerah Butts will be the owner of the home when it's finished.

"(This means) a foundation, to be a part of a community and a family and stability for me and my family," Butts said of what the home means to her.

For more than two decades, the former president and his wife have been helping to build homes all over the world.

"In the Philippines, and in South Korea, and in a demilitarized zone between North Korea and South Korea. We built 100 homes in India a few years ago, and before that, in South Africa, in Hungary and in Europe," Carter said.

The neighborhood in east Baltimore said having the president and Habitat for Humanity working there meant a lot.

"It's great to see houses that are no longer boarded up, with people actually living in them. It means we're going to have a stronger community and a stronger neighborhood association," said resident Quandra Gaines.

"This block had two homeowners on it. By the time this project is finished on this street, we'll have just about every house occupied. Is that a reason to be out here with the president? Yes," said resident Ernest Smith of the McElderry Park Community Association.

Those who stopped to watch the work could see the former president sawing, measuring and hammering throughout the day.

"This is to see people who never in their lives dreamed they'd own a home. Habitat makes it possible for them," Rosalynn Carter said.

Helping build homes will be part of the former president's legacy.

"We enjoy it and appreciate the chance to do it," Carter said.

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