



## 2024 Arizona Housing Coalition Award Winner

### Innovations in Housing

*Habitat for Humanity of Northern Arizona*

This award shines a spotlight on an organization whose dedication to creating affordable housing solutions is nothing short of awe-inspiring. Habitat for Humanity of Northern Arizona stands out for its proactive response to the housing crisis gripping its community.

Their innovative approach, known as the Starter Homes program, is nothing short of revolutionary. These compact 400-square-foot homes not only reduce construction costs but also offer a unique financing model that makes homeownership a reality for many. With a down payment as low as \$1,000 and mortgage payments below comparable rent, these homes offer a pathway to equity and stability.



In a city where the median home price exceeds \$700,000, the Starter Home Program empowers participants to accumulate up to \$100,000 toward future homeownership. While these homes may not be forever homes, they serve as a vital stepping stone toward the dream of owning a standard-size home.

Beyond affordability, these homes also prioritize sustainability, setting a new standard for environmentally conscious living. With all-electric, near-net energy zero designs, they showcase the potential for sustainable living without sacrificing affordability. With plans for further expansion underway, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Arizona continues to set the bar high, demonstrating the profound impact of compassion, innovation, and community collaboration in addressing the pressing issue of affordable housing.

