



A Brush with Kindness

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS is a program co-sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and Leadership Lackawanna that provides one-time repairs, home painting, and landscaping for low-income homeowners in Lackawanna County who need assistance to do necessary work to the exterior of their houses.



Work Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Rain Date: Sunday, May 23, 2010

APPLICATION DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2010

To be eligible for full consideration, applicants must:

- Complete all sections of the application legibly and sign section G
- Own and be a full-time resident of the home that is requested to be repaired; the home must be located in Lackawanna County
- Be current on homeowners insurance premiums
- Provide "sweat equity" by working alongside volunteers
- Be able to subsidize some costs for materials, possibly; volunteer labor is provided at no cost
- Clearly identify the home repairs and work being requested (work covered by homeowners insurance policies will not be considered.)
- Plan to live in the home for at least five years
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Lackawanna County median income. Your annual household income must also be no greater than the following amount, based on your family size:

1 Person	\$23,800	5 People	\$36,700
2 People	\$27,200	6 People	\$39,400
3 People	\$30,600	7 People	\$42,200
4 People	\$34,000	8 People	\$44,900



Application for A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

Please print neatly or type responses in all sections as completely as possible.

Incomplete information may remove the application from consideration. All information will remain confidential.

SECTION A: HOMEOWNER APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email (if any): _____

No. of Years at Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Do you own & live in the house at this address?

Yes No

SECTION B: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Does the applicant own or lease the property? Own Lease Other (please explain) _____
(If you do not own and live in the property, you are not eligible for this program.)

List the names, ages, and relationship to the applicant of **ALL** people living in the home:
(Attach a separate sheet if more space is necessary)

Name/Relationship: _____ Age: _____

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Does anyone in the home have a disability? Yes No

If yes, please describe the disability: _____

SECTION C: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Verification of income will be required at a later date if you are selected to participate in the A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS Program. Verification may be provided through the most recent income tax return, monthly social security statement, employment check stub, etc.

List the **total, combined income**, before taxes, for **ALL** persons living in the house: \$ _____ per year

Are you still making mortgage/loan payments on your home? Yes No If yes, how much? _____ per month

After paying your required monthly bills (gas, electric, insurance, food, phone, medical, etc), approximately how much money do you have left to spend on house repairs? \$ _____ per month

Do you owe real estate or other taxes on your property? Yes No If yes, how much? _____

SECTION D: PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

A **BRUSH WITH KINDNESS** requires that all able-bodied persons over the age of sixteen within the household assist in the completion of the project repairs. Please identify the number of people within the household who are able and available to assist with the project repairs. _____

A **BRUSH WITH KINDNESS** provides free, volunteer labor and subsidizes expenses for materials for approved projects. Homeowners may be responsible for some expenses for materials and equipment; interest-free loans which require monthly payments may be available. If required, are you willing and able to make monthly payments to subsidize some of the repairs made to your property?

Yes No If no, please explain _____

Do you plan to live in your house for the next least five years? Yes No

To verify your eligibility to participate in this program, please provide a copy of the following documents:

- The deed to your home available on <http://landex.lackawannacounty.org>
- Proof of current homeowners insurance policy

SECTION E: REQUESTED REPAIRS

Briefly describe all the repairs you would like to have completed on the exterior of your home. Requested work could include, but is not limited to painting, minor repairs, weatherization, clean-up, and landscaping. Preference will be given to projects which can be accomplished within 1-2 working days. Please remember that while all items you list will be considered for repair, final decision on what can and will be done will be made by the BRUSH WITH KINDNESS staff. Our volunteers are not professionals and may not be able to make all repairs. Attach a separate piece of paper if there is not enough space to list all repairs.

Area that needs repair/painting:	Specific work you wish to have completed by ABWK:

SECTION F: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write a *brief* explanation of why you feel you should be selected for the BRUSH WITH KINDNESS program and how volunteer assistance will help you:

SECTION G: APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I certify that the information contained within this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge; that I own and reside in the property at the address given in this application; and that I have no present intention to move or offer my home for sale in the next five years. I also certify that any physically able persons residing in my household or visiting for the project day(s) will work alongside A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS volunteers. I certify that, except for the repairs mentioned in this application, my house is a safe place for volunteers.

To the extent permitted by law and without affecting the coverage provided by the required homeowners insurance, I agree to sign the Release and Waiver of Liability.

Signature of Homeowner

Date

Please return completed application to:
A Brush with Kindness/Leadership Lackawanna
Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 431
Scranton, PA 18503-1200

For additional information:
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www.habitatlackawanna.org

****For full consideration, the application should be completed and returned by February 19, 2010.**