

**ULI Chicago 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vision Awards  
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**Program Finalist: GREENBROOK TANBLEWOOD  
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION** (*Hanover Park, IL*)

Program Operator: DuPage Habitat for Humanity

**Program Description:**

DuPage Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Program in Hanover Park is a major change for Habitat, but goes back to its original mission to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. The ultimate goal of NR is improved quality of life in a focus neighborhood. Over the past two years, DuPage Habitat has used this model to transform its work. Rather than focusing on building or repairing one house at a time, it has taken a strategic approach to transforming the Greenbrook Tanglewood neighborhoods, combining outreach, home repairs, community building and eventually rehabbing and building new homes to create a more welcoming and stable community for generations to come.

Through Neighborhood Revitalization (NR), residents, community leaders, civic groups, and neighborhood associations are working together to achieve dreams and aspirations, via the newly formed Neighborhood Revitalization Coalition. The NR working plan incorporates the goals of the residents and neighborhood groups to guide the Neighborhood Revitalization Coalition in the planning and implementation of neighborhood programs and events. The plan will offer potential partners an in depth look at how their programs and services would fit the identified needs of the Greenbrook Tanglewood Neighborhood.

The plan is comprised of four focus areas, including: Housing, Family and Education, Clean-up/Green-Up, Jobs and Economic Development.

**Housing:** Housing programs offer opportunities for affordable homeownership, community-based residential improvement projects and also offers opportunities for home repair on existing neighborhood residences.

**Family and Education:** New partnerships formed among local schools, the school district, dedicated parents and other local agencies, are developing initiatives that will result in an increase of community programs available for local youth.

**Clean-up/Green-up:** These initiatives aim to encourage a sense of pride and ownership in the community and to encourage more positive use of local green spaces.

**Jobs and Economic Development:** These initiatives aim to enhance access to career opportunities and training in local neighborhoods.

In the past year, September 2016 to September 2017, the Neighborhood Revitalization Coalition has recruited 32 dedicated community organizations and businesses to implement change. These positive changes have influenced over 500 elementary school students, 150 high school students, and 140 residents. Programs included the Little Free Library Program, the Community Garden Program, Tanglewood Summer Camp, and Every Hand Makes a Difference Weeks. Events over the past year included Make a Difference Day with Lake Park High School Fall and Spring, Earth Day with Greenbrook Elementary School, MLK Build-Up Day, and the Neighborhood Job Event.