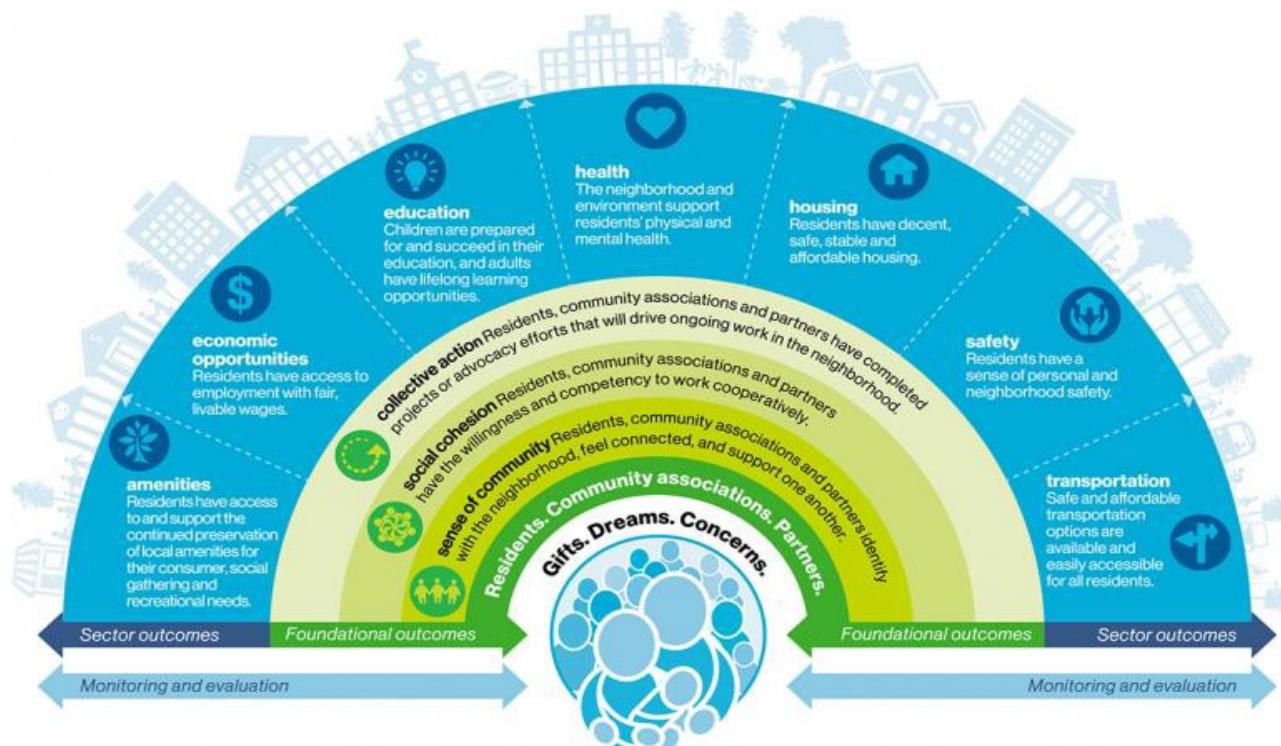


## How to use the guide

**"Habitat has the Right Connection"** resource guide was developed by the Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region Neighborhood Revitalization team for use by individuals and families seeking free, low-cost or unique human services in the Charlotte and surrounding areas.

Several years ago, Habitat for Humanity International, created the Quality of Life Framework, based on learnings from Habitat affiliates and other community development experts. The Quality of Life Framework was developed to understand how the ultimate goal, an improved quality of life, can be achieved in a neighborhood. This resource guide addresses the resources available in the seven sectors listed below.



The guide is easy to use. Listed above in the blue arch are the seven sectors Habitat believes are needed to improve and sustain neighborhoods. Each sector is defined and explains what resources you can expect to find in that sector.

What makes this resource guide unique is that the resources are grouped by situations. Individuals know what they are looking for and can save time by not having to search the internet. Here is an example. SITUATION: An individual /family needs transportation from a rural part of the county to the inner city.

Once you find your situation or one similar, the resource/s will be listed underneath.

### It's that easy!

Because resources change frequently, we will work to keep this resource guide updated. If you come across a resource that is new, no longer available, or even a situation we have not addressed, please contact Belinda Howard @ 704.716.7053 or Sherika Eskridge @ 704.716.7062.

# **QUALITY OF LIFE FRAMEWORK**

## **Sectors Defined**

### **Amenities**

Amenities are defined as those basic resources that can create a community of convenience and comfort.

In this sector, we define the top amenities for neighborhoods overall. These include:

- Banking
- Clothing
- Faith and Religion
- Food
- Recreation

### **Economic Opportunities**

Habitat for Humanity believes that residents should have access to employment with fair and livable wages. This is often obtained through free training/ educational opportunities, business planning assistance, and the ability to access start-up funds for small businesses.

### **Education**

*As defined by some of the great influencers in history*

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go”

**Dr. Seuss**

“Even the genius asks questions.”

**Tupac Shakur**

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

**John Dewey**

“When girls are educated, their countries become stronger and more prosperous.”

**Michelle Obama**

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

**- B.B. King**

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

**Benjamin Franklin**

“Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.”

**George Evans**

“Education is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”.

**Malcolm X**

“Upon the subject of education ... I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.”

**Abraham Lincoln**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”.

**Nelson Mandela**

“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.”

**Alexander the Great**

“A good education is a foundation for a better future.”

**Elizabeth Warren**

“I think going to college for that one year was probably the best thing I have ever done.”

**Carmelo Anthony**

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

**Chinese Proverb**

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

“In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity - it is a prerequisite.”

**Barack Obama**

## **Health and Wellness**

Health: There are five main aspects of personal health: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual.

Wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life.

## **Housing**

Housing, or more generally living spaces, refers to the construction and assigned usage of houses or buildings collectively, for the purpose of sheltering people. One thing is certain, everyone wants to feel safe and secure in the building they call home. Because families living in these various types of housing are still faced with other housing needs, this section covers resources such as, utilities assistance, home repairs, and financial assistance.

## **Safety**

Safety as defined by Wikipedia is “the state of being "safe" the condition of being protected from harm or other non-desirable outcomes”. This sector breaks individual safety into two sections: Personal (at home) and Public (away from home.)

## **Transportation**

**Merriam/Webster Dictionary** definition of transportation: “an act, process, or instance of transporting or being transported”. If transportation is the movement of people from one location to another, this sector, some may agree, is needed to successfully access all of the other quality of life sectors.