



## Super Bowl Build XLVIII: NFL Player Oday Aboushi and Volunteers Join Habitat for Humanity NYC to Tackle Home Repairs in Staten Island

Volunteers Commemorate Super Bowl XLVIII by Rehabilitating Superstorm Sandy-Damaged Homes



**\*\*OFFICIAL SUPER BOWL XLVIII Sanctioned Event\*\***

[Habitat for Humanity New York City](#) celebrated the Super Bowl in its own backyard with a special Superstorm Sandy rebuilding event on Friday, Jan. 31 in collaboration with the NFL, with the support of the South Street Seaport, owned by The Howard Hughes Corporation.

Volunteers from the South Street Seaport and [Habitat NYC](#) joined with New York Jets offensive lineman Oday Aboushi to repair Staten Island homes that were damaged in the storm, strengthen awareness about Habitat NYC's mission to build homes with families in need in New York City, create buzz for the incredible hands-on volunteer experiences available and generate additional community support to help Habitat NYC give a hand up to even more families.

"Tackling the affordable housing crisis in New York City is not easy. But collaborating with the NFL at this officially sanctioned Super Bowl event inspires us to press forward," said Neil Hetherington, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat NYC. "New York Jets player Oday Aboushi and volunteers from the South Street Seaport serve as great examples of community building as we work to restore after Superstorm Sandy."

"Giving back to the community is a cornerstone of the Howard Hughes Corporation's mission. The South Street Seaport was badly damaged by Superstorm Sandy, and it's particularly meaningful for us to partner with Habitat for Humanity New York City to spend this weekend helping our community and the families who were affected by the storm," said Phillip St. Pierre, General Manager, South Street Seaport.

The volunteers will celebrate their hard work with an exclusive tailgating party presented by the South Street Seaport at their heated cube-shaped venue, the FRONT/ROW CUBE, on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Habitat for Humanity New York City is committed to helping Staten Island homeowners complete their road to recovery. To date the organization has helped more than 70 families with repairs, debris removal, painting and other construction projects. The rebuilding efforts are made possible thanks to support from corporate groups, foundations, faith groups and individual contributors.

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**About Habitat for Humanity New York City**

Habitat for Humanity New York City transforms lives and our city by building quality homes with families in need and by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing. With the help of thousands of volunteers every year, Habitat NYC has served more than 380 families in the five boroughs of New York City with their permanent housing needs. For more information, please visit [habitatnyc.org](http://habitatnyc.org), connect with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Habitat.for.Humanity.NYC) or follow us on [Twitter](https://www.instagram.com/HabitatNYC) at @HabitatNYC.