Affordable Housing

Story and Coloring Book
City or country, house or apartment—everyone needs a place to live.
Most adults work to pay for a place to live.
Some people pay the bank each month for their home. This is called a mortgage.
Some people pay rent to a landlord, or the owner of the home.
People also work to pay bills, buy things for their homes, and they pay for repairs.
Affordable housing means a place to live that you can pay for and still have money left over for the other things you need.
Affordable housing is a home that costs no more than 30% of a family’s money each year.
In 2008, 12 million people living in the United States spent more than 50% of their money on housing.
People spend too much on housing because house prices rise faster than the amount of money people make at work.
When people cannot afford housing, sometimes they end up living in places that are unsafe, dirty, or run-down.
Habitat for Humanity has sold affordable homes to more than 1.75 million people around the world.
Habitat for Humanity believes that safe, affordable housing helps everyone.
When adults have affordable, safe, healthy housing, they give more to their community.
When children have safe, healthy housing, they do better in school.
Families with affordable housing have a chance to be healthier and happier.