



SPRING EDITION 2016

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WATERLOO REGION

MOVING ON UP!

THANKS TO YOU, URSZULA IS JOINING THE KEHL STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD



“I think about it every day and I smile” Urszula says about her new Habitat home on Kehl Street. Because of the caring support of people like you, Urszula and her daughter Kira will be moving in this summer. Thank you for bringing the dream of home ownership to more hard working families!

Right now, Urszula is doing her “sweat equity”, volunteering 250 hours with Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region.

She feels empowered, but exhausted! “Because I’m helping build it, I’ll also know how to repair it. And that’s a great feeling. I also know I’ll be able to ask my neighbours to help.”

We asked Urszula about her hopes for the new Kehl Street neighbourhood. “I’m so excited to get to know other good and hard working people. I want us all to look out for each other, and encourage each other. Kira really wants to host everyone for a BBQ when we move in, and that makes me feel really happy and proud. You know what, I want it to feel like a little village!”

You make stories like Urszula’s possible. Thank you, so much, for your amazing support.

HEY, NEIGHBOURS!

UPDATES FROM THE OTHER KEHL STREET FAMILIES

Here are even more stories you make possible! We asked some of the other new Kehl Street families for an update on how they are doing. You can share in the joy of the surprise for Christian, and Maribel finally getting her own bedroom too. And, although they haven't talked about it, Kristy and Urszula have the exact same wish for their Kehl Street neighbourhood. You are making dreams and wishes come true!

KRISTY & DAVE

"I can't decide what I love most. One thing for sure is my kitchen. It's the heart of our home, and it is so bright and open. But I also absolutely love our neighbours and the neighbourhood. It's a nice little community, like a village right in the city. Our neighbour across Kehl Street has been here 10 years. And she told me that before our homes there really wasn't much going on here. But since October, the neighbourhood has come alive again with kids and she loves it! My message for the Habitat donors is this: thank you. Having a forever home has given us a sense of stability from which we can grow and thrive to our fullest potential."



MARIBEL

"I have to say how amazing it is to have our own bedrooms. Before, my kids shared a room and I slept on the couch. Now, all 3 of us have our own bedrooms, our own space. And I can't put into words just how much that means to me, and to the kids. It's so nice to be able to call it our home. I'm so thankful that caring people helped give me and my family the chance to create a safe environment for ourselves."



JENN & ADRIAN

"We're so happy every single day. When we found out which house was ours, Adrian was over the moon. He actually volunteered a lot on this particular home, so he feels like his fingerprints are everywhere—behind our walls, under the floors. It's a magical feeling. Our whole family takes such pride in keeping it looking beautiful. Christian takes such good care of his own room. We set it all up for him, just like we planned, and he ran right over to the bed and jumped on it. His very own big boy bed. I'll never, ever forget that moment of joy. Now we're looking at doing some gardening. My mum is a huge gardener so she's going to come over and help. Right now, Christian loves digging in the dirt. And Adrian bought us the best hose in the world. Seriously, you've never seen someone so excited about a garden hose! And our neighbours are more than I'd ever hoped for. So kind and friendly. I want all the Habitat donors to know how grateful we all are. We promise to continue to work hard every day, just like we always have. Thank you so much."

You can see more moments like these, possible because of you, in our new Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region video. Find it on our website at www.habitatwr.ca. Thank you!

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Thanks for Supporting Our Habitat for Humanity Events!



YOU ROCK! VOLUNTEER AND DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT

To celebrate our volunteers and donors, the roots of our strong communities, we once again hosted a fun-filled family day at Shady Grove Maple Farm. The maple syrup was flowing, the flapjacks were light and fluffy, and we had a blast celebrating our generous community. "Thanks to everyone who joined us, and to all our volunteers and supporters. You rock!"



DON BROWN VOLUNTEER AWARDS

THANK YOU JIM AND KEN!

Every year, we are honoured to recognize outstanding volunteers, and this year we are proud to celebrate the significant contributions of Jim Wakem and Ken Huehn.

Jim has been volunteering at the Waterloo ReStore for about 10 years in our electrical shop, testing and fixing donated electrical

items. He first joined us to help a friend out, and he's been a fixture ever since. He feels good when he helps Habitat and our families. And, because he has Parkinson's, he says working with tools helps with his dexterity. He smiles and adds, "not only does volunteering with Habitat keep you active, it keeps you from the traps of daytime television!" **Thank you, Jim!**

Ken joined us in January 2003, shortly after his retirement. He says he loves working with people, whether it's customers, summer students or fellow volunteers. And he also appreciates his ReStore "mentors": Maynard showed him the ropes on the Salvage Team and taught him how the ReStore operates, and Art started him in the woodshop. He is enjoying this stage of his life immensely, especially now that he has time to give back to the community, something he felt he couldn't do as much when he was working. **Thank you, Ken!**



WOMEN BUILD WEEK:

Thank you to all the women who are joining us for Women Build Week! From June 6th to 10th we have women from across Waterloo Region coming for a day, and others for the entire week. Some are coming as groups of friends, family members, colleagues, and some are just coming on their own to meet other women in our community. As with all our build volunteers, experience is not necessary to get started—but we promise that by the end you'll leave with some new skills and an amazing feeling of accomplishment and contribution to our community! For more information about Women Build Week, or about joining us on the build site anytime, please visit www.habitatwr.ca or contact Janine at 519-747-0664 ext. 223 or jarmstrong@habitatwr.ca.



RESTORE NEWS!

Habitat ReStores are expanding our hours to better serve you, our donors and shoppers. Beginning June 1st, we will be open Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm. We are thrilled to have many Habitat partner families completing their “sweat equity” by volunteering at the ReStore. We are always looking for new volunteers to join us! For more information, visit www.habitatwr.ca or contact Rob at 519-747-0664 ext. 235 or rsnider@habitatwr.ca or Janine Armstrong 519-747-0664 ext. 223 or jarmstrong@habitatwr.ca.



RESTORE CHAIRS BECOME MASTERPIECES!

Thank you to the students and faculty from the Conestoga College Interior Decorating Course who took chairs from our ReStore and made them into beautiful works of art. These gorgeous chairs were then auctioned off to raise money for Habitat Waterloo Region!



GROWING AND GIVING: THANK YOU, ACTIVA!

Habitat Waterloo Region is proud to partner with Activa to help build more homes for families in our Region. Activa, a building company, has created some of the most beautiful and dynamic neighbourhoods, condominiums and homes in our community. And they are growing! It's been tremendous to watch them grow and innovate. We are delighted with our partnership, including their title sponsorship of our Golf Tournament for the past three years!

It's fantastic to see growing companies like Activa who also maintain a strong community involvement. When you're experiencing massive growth, some companies reduce their charitable giving or volunteering, but not these guys. Activa continues to be a vital partner for us, and we are delighted to celebrate their success. Thank you for helping to shape our community, and for being amazing leaders and champions of putting their beliefs and values into action every day. – Jen Young, Development Officer

Thank you, Activa!



GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016

Fore! Our 19th Annual Golf Tournament is on June 2, 2016 at Rebel Creek Golf Club. Thanks to all our golfers and sponsors who will be joining us for 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, and amazing food and beverage hot spots all over the course! For more information, visit www.habitatwrgolf.ca.



HABITAT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thanks to presenting sponsor Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada, in May we welcomed Habitat staff and volunteers from across the country. We kicked off our event with a locally inspired evening where we proudly showed off our culture, heritage, and pride with German-inspired food and entertainment at the Concordia Club. We were honoured to host our colleagues, and share success stories to help further our mission!

FAMILY STATS

100%

of families saw an improvement in their kids' academic performance



89%

of families feel more in control of their budget, and **72%** say they are better off financially

Qualified families volunteer

250 HOURS

of "sweat equity" per adult

89%

of families are still volunteering in the community

69%

say they feel connected to their neighbours

100%

of families say they are **HAPPIER**

RESTORE STATS

100%

OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE COVERED BY THE RESTORE

10,000

DONATIONS RECEIVED

45,000

TRANSACTIONS PROCESSED

\$1.5 MILLION

in sales

200

VOLUNTEERS DONATED

100%

OF ALL DONATIONS GO TO BUILDING HOMES

8,000 HOURS

at our ReStores

Provided **50 FREE** kitchen cupboard salvages to renovating homeowners



Habitat Waterloo Region was the **3RD LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR IN CANADA** to the Habitat International title. Your support helped support build projects in Cambodia, Honduras, Ethiopia and Haiti!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

It is truly an honour to hear from our kind and loyal donors who are sharing their stories about why they choose to give to the Elmer and Eileen Habitat for Humanity Fund. As you may know, this crucial Fund is a way to ensure that Habitat has resources for future builds and for land acquisition. Making a gift in your Will is a very personal matter, and you will certainly want to look after your family first, as well as discuss this with your trusted advisors. I would love to have a confidential conversation with you about your hopes and dreams for the future of our community, and hear your story. Thank you for your incredible support. – **Jerry Lawlor, Vice President, Development**
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIR

As the weather warms, we are busy building 6 more homes for hard-working families in our Kehl Street neighbourhood! Thanks to you, we are building a vibrant community of families thriving after receiving a hand up.

Spring is a time of change, and that applies to your Board of Directors as well! We are happy to welcome new board members Chris Kotseff and Duncan McLean. As well, I'd like to recognize and share our best wishes to departing board members Melissa Riewald, Tania Benninger and Victor Zamin for their tremendous contributions that allowed Habitat Waterloo Region to help so many families in recent years. Thank you!

Finally, we hope to see you over the summer swinging a hammer, providing snacks at the build site, or shopping at one of our ReStores. These are all amazing ways for you to help us build homes, hope and communities.



Martin Kern
Chair, Board of Directors



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HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Each and every gift to Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region makes an impact in our community. Please contact us any time if you have questions about your gift in action or other ways you can support our mission.

GIVE: You can give a gift of any amount by phone, mail or online. You can visit www.habitatwr.ca or contact **Janice** at **519-747-0664 ext. 231** or jmesenbrink@habitatwr.ca.

VOLUNTEER: You can donate your time and join our build team, Salvage Crew, ReStore or volunteer in the office. Please contact **Janine** at **519-747-0664 ext. 223** or jarmstrong@habitatwr.ca.

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP: Partner with Habitat Waterloo Region to build a safe, affordable and decent home. Please contact **Jerry** at **519-747-0664 ext. 229** or jlawlor@habitatwr.ca.

YOUR LEGACY: We invite you to contact us for a confidential discussion about how to remember Habitat for Humanity in your will. Please contact **Jerry** at **519-747-0664 ext. 229** or jlawlor@habitatwr.ca.

PEER TO PEER FUNDRAISING: Check out our new platform where you can join an existing campaign or be adventurous and create your own! Visit www.habitatwr.ca for more info!

EVENTS: You can host an event, or contribute to one of our amazing events organized by other volunteers. Please visit www.habitatwr.ca or call **Jessica** at **519-747-0664 ext. 234** or jeusebio@habitatwr.ca.

GIFTS-IN-KIND: Donate physical materials for Habitat's builds, or the ReStore that sells used, recycled and manufacturers' surplus. Please contact **Rob** at **519-747-0664 ext. 235** or rsnider@habitatwr.ca.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Habitat supporters and families are contributing everyday to our online community. You can join the conversation and find regular updates, exclusive photos and news, and ways to connect with us and your neighbours who also care about our community.

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