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newsletter

## our newest homeowner partners



Our newest family has come all the way from Syria!

We are very pleased to present our future homeowners. These family members are new Canadians and they are very excited to begin their Habitat homeownership journey! Oussama and Nawar are looking forward to building their future, and can hardly wait to help out in any way that they can. Their four little girls - Ritaj, Remas, Rahaf, and Aya will soon have a new home to go along with their new life in Canada. We wish them the best as they begin their journey!

## accepting homeowner applications!

Every new Habitat Homeowner begins their journey with a first step. That first step is a simple expression of interest via our website at [habitatkingston.com/apply-for-a-house](http://habitatkingston.com/apply-for-a-house). Become a Habitat for Humanity Homeowner and join those who are now realizing the dream of homeownership. Contact 613.548.8763 ext. 211 or email [bdahl@habitatkingston.com](mailto:bdahl@habitatkingston.com) to inquire. The three criteria to qualify we are looking for are: 1) A need for affordable housing; 2) Ability to repay a mortgage; and 3) A willingness to partner with Habitat.

apply today



## build updates



Erin,  
Community Engagement Manager

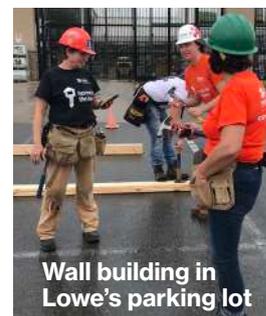
### Habitat Build is Underway!!

Habitat Kingston invites volunteers to join us as we start to build the final phase of the Good Shepherd Legacy Project. Sign up... our volunteer schedule can be found at [habitatkingston.com/events](http://habitatkingston.com/events). If you have never

handled a power tool before, there is help on site for all new volunteers, so no previous construction experience is necessary! Gain confidence, construction knowledge, and hands-on skills at our Habitat build. If you are interested in volunteering, leading a team or sponsoring a meal, contact us [volunteer@habitatkingston.com](mailto:volunteer@habitatkingston.com) or call 613-548-8763 ext 202.



Dane,  
Construction Manager



Wall building in  
Lowe's parking lot



Deb,  
Director of Construction

# party in the park

The Party in the Park was held at Grenadier Park in Kingston's east end on Wednesday August 14th. Habitat Kingston hosted a donation-based yoga class led by Erin Haworth, who also led Home Sweet Home Yoga classes at other parks during September. Our information table was manned by future homeowners, Sarah Joy and her children. As a special guest we had 10 year old Lylia, who is the talent behind Gnome for a Home. She is a budding artist and after seeing homeless people on the streets of Kingston, has come up with a novel way of helping. She designs cards, posters, shopping totes and other items (which



you can find at our Habitat Shop, on our website [habitatkingston.com](http://habitatkingston.com)). She has supported many local shelter-based organizations, and is a partner with Habitat Kingston to support our program. She has many fans and supporters, including the Mayor, who dropped by to try his hammering expertise. We had a healthy turn out and even more people now know about Habitat Kingston's involvement in our community.

Are we having fun yet?  
**Mayor Bryan Paterson** says "Yes, we are!"



# summer intern outing

## Jack Astor's & Old Fort Henry

Office staff, construction staff, ReStore staff and assorted friends gathered together at Jack Astor's roof-top restaurant for a dinner before attending the ceremony at Old Fort Henry to say goodbye to the summer interns that had helped out so much. Sydney and Maggie from the office, and Annabelle and Devon from the construction team were the guests of honour, and everyone had a fun time, a great meal and then made the short drive over the causeway to historic Fort Henry. Teresa, our Programs Manager, had a bonding experience with the goat mascot on the way in. There was much pomp and ceremony as the infantry and guardsmen



put on a show featuring marching, bayonettes, live ammunition and cannon fire, followed by a fireworks display as darkness descended. It was sad to say goodbye to our summer interns, but they went out in grand style!



Devon, Maggie, Sydney and Annabelle



# Lowes's Heroes Campaign



Lowes's Kingston once again promoted their Heroes during the month of September, and chose Habitat for Humanity Kingston Limestone Region. The most fun and popular event was where both our CEO, Cathy and our Board Chair, Jacqui were locked up until sufficient bail was donated to have them released. Fortunately, the customers were generous and neither one had to stay locked up overnight!



Future homeowners helping at the event.

not every hero wears a cape



Monica and Al from 1043 Fresh Radio with Lowes's Store Manager Jason and Habitat Kingston CEO Cathy

## Jail & Bail !!



# princess street promenade



On Saturday, August 3rd, Habitat Kingston was once again a presence as part of the Princess Street Promenade where we had a nail hammering contest for the passers-by. And there were a lot of passers-by! Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun; - even the Star Wars Stormtroopers who arrived from ? who-knows-where. Teresa, Maggie, Wilma and Annabelle held on to the studs while the hammering participants got busy with the job at hand. Participants were timed to see who could get a nail through the 2 x 4 the fastest, and there were a few bent nails produced in the process!



Are we having fun yet?



hammer  
hammer  
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tap  
bang  
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bang

# I'll be dog-goned



We tried the idea of a **doghouse building competition** this summer, but we needed more lead time for companies and groups to get their plans together, and so next year we will have the competition. The two entries received were put up for a silent auction at the ReStore and were sold to help us fund the Cowdy Street build. Erin (left) had to show her chocolate Newfoundland, Bryn, what all of the excitement was about! Shelley was one of the successful bidders (right) and Rob of Stone City Woodworks (and Dave) were builders!



## cruise for a cause

It turned out to be a gorgeous evening, (after a morning of rain!) to cruise down the St. Lawrence River and into the Thousand Islands... On Monday, September 23, donors, sponsors, staff and friends of Habitat Kingston were treated to a delicious meal and great entertainment, on a sunset cruise to raise funds for our next build. We want to thank the fundraising committee, all of the suppliers and all of the participants for making this year's fundraiser a very successful and unique event! A special thanks to our sponsors



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Former Board Chair Dave Nolan & ReStore Manager Gary Lees



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