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CORONA VIRUS

COVID-19 and Habitat for Humanity Kingston Limestone Region

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact continues to change and grow, we have had to make some difficult decisions.

- Friday, March 13 the office dropped down to one staff member with the others restricted to working from home.
- Saturday, March 14 we suspended participation of Build Teams on our construction project.
- Tuesday, March 17 we suspended volunteer participation at the ReStore.
- Wednesday, March 18 we closed the doors of the ReStore.
- Effective Friday, March 20 there will be minimal work done at the build site, and no volunteer involvement.

While the work we do in the community is important, limiting the spread of this deadly virus is a higher priority. These measures have been taken to uphold our commitment to the safety of our staff, volunteers and the broader community. Safety First!

We would like to thank all our local unsung heroes who are working long hours to provide care and services to help keep us going. Most especially we'd like to acknowledge the great healthcare workers and front-line staff who are doing their best to keep us safe and sound.



accepting homeowner applications!

Visit our website at [habitatingston.com/apply-for-a-house](https://www.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 to inquire. The three criteria we look at are: 1) A need for affordable housing; 2) Ability to repay a mortgage; and 3) A willingness to partner with Habitat.



apply today

We are recruiting for our family selection team

One of the most challenging and rewarding committee roles we have is selecting Habitat partner families. It is central to our mission. If you would like to help review applications and select future Habitat Homeowners, then please apply today. For more information, contact the office at bdahl@habitatkingston.com.

our newest homeowner partners!

We are very pleased to present our newest future homeowners. This local family is very excited to begin their Habitat homeownership journey! Aliesha and her two children are looking forward to building their future, and can hardly wait to move into their new house, which is now being built in Kingston. They will soon have a new place to come home to. We wish them the best as they begin their homeownership journey!



“We can hardly wait for our new home to be finished!”

upcoming events

The Glorious Raffle!

Our raffle draw was held on Friday, March 13th and we have just announced our winner – Dawn Campbell of Cobourg, ON. The lucky winner has won two tickets to The Glorious Son's Concert that was to be held March 28th at the TD Place in Ottawa. Whenever the concert gets rescheduled, Dawn and her guest will be chauffeured to and from Ottawa, dine at Jack Astors restaurant and stay overnight at Le Suites Hotel downtown. Proceeds



from The Glorious Raffle support Habitat for Humanity Kingston Limestone Region in building safe and affordable housing right here in our community. Congratulations to Dawn!

upcoming events

Info at the 'Y'

We have teamed up with the YMCA of Eastern Ontario to give folks a chance to learn all about partnering with Habitat Kingston to own their own home.

On March 10, we set up an Information Table in the lobby of the Kingston 'Y' to share information and insights about our Homeownership Program. When we're all up and running again, we'll be back at the Y with our Information Table. Follow us on social media so that you will know when they are rescheduled.

You can contact us anytime to find out details:
habitatkingston.com/apply-for-a-house/



save the date!



paddle home with habitat

Together with Trailhead Kingston, Habitat Kingston will be hosting a one day paddle event, **July 11th, 2020**.

There will be a few options for paddlers – a short, fun paddle, – a distance leisure paddle, – and a longer “friendly-ish” race.

It’s open to all those who canoe, kayak and SUP, or even if you want to come out to socialize.

Stay tuned to habitatkingston.com for details as they unfold. We look forward to seeing you!



ReStore®

As you know, the Habitat ReStore supports our work here in the Kingston Limestone Region. Gary and his team are missing you all right now, since the store has closed in an effort to keep everyone safe and virus-free.

We can't wait to greet you again! Remember – whether you are shopping or donating your gently used items – it all helps local families build strength, stability and self-reliance through homeownership. donatestuff@habitatkingston.com

We would also like to extend a big “Thank You” to our supportive donors for supplying many items that we have for sale at the ReStore.



sponsor spotlight



As always, we have special sponsors that we would like to acknowledge and give a big THANK YOU to.

Play! Games and Entertainment (formerly Treasure Chest) have been a constant supporter of our fundraising efforts by contributing the proceeds of our Bingo Nights to our home building program.

THANK YOU to LiUNA Local 183 for their \$10,000 contribution to our 2020 Habitat building fund. Those funds received will be applied directly to our costs of constructing a new home.

We thank both of our Spotlight Sponsors for their generosity and support.



women build week

Between March 9th and 14th we completed a week-long Women Build, that was successfully sold out! We hope to have another Women Build so that if you missed this one, you can sign up for our next one! No experience required! You can sign up individually or as team of up to 12 participants. We'll keep you posted about the dates but we need to return to some form of normal operations before we can make a schedule.

Think about signing up! Each participant will be asked to make a commitment to raise a minimum of \$150, with a special goal of \$75 for students. Maybe your company can sponsor you or match the funds you raise? Organizations and local businesses are encouraged to get involved as a way to support women in work that tends to be male dominated. Local businesses can also get involved by providing meals for our volunteers during this event, or they can donate product for the build.

Women Build empowers women from all walks of life, bringing them together in a shared mission to give a hand up to families in need of affordable housing by investing, advocating and taking action! By joining Women Build, you are guaranteed a safe, fun and rewarding experience where you will meet a community of like-minded women and walk away knowing that you have made a tangible and lasting impact on the life of a local family.



habitat build days

We are conducting Build Days with our corporate sponsors, and have had two teams from LaFarge Canada recently. They helped on two different days in February at our Cowdy Street build site. If your company, or anyone that you know, would be interested in sponsoring one of our Build Days, please have them contact us at office@habitatkingston.com. We also have a variety of Sponsorship packages. To find out which would be best for your company, contact and talk to us!



Measure twice and cut once.



LaFarge Canada came out on a cold February day to lend their support!



build day meal providers

We would not be able to feed and nourish our build volunteers without help, and we're thankful for the support and enthusiasm of our fabulous meal providers. We have had many local organizations making sure our volunteers are well fed and hydrated as they work on our current build.



Many thanks to Tommy's Restaurant, and to the Grocery Basket (below).



Members from the Westside Fellowship Christian Reformed Church



Princess Street United Church members



Wendy from Bread & Butter (right)



"If lunch was like this all the time, I'd be here every day!"

A Happy Build Volunteer