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Building Futures

OUR MISSION

To mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Using volunteer labour and donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta (HFHSA) and partner families build simple, decent affordable houses. Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta has Chapters in Brooks, Foothills, Medicine Hat and Mountain View.

Based out of Calgary, Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta is a member of Habitat for Humanity Canada; an organization that is part of a worldwide network that spans 93 countries. Habitat for Humanity has built over 800,000 homes and served more than 4 million people. In Southern Alberta, we have served more than 250 families, building more than 170 homes.



"I am so happy that we've had this home and have such bright futures."

- Vanessa, who grew up in a Habitat home

Many of us have had the good fortune of growing up in a home that felt warm, safe and stable. Imagine for a moment that you were one of the 35,000 families in Southern Alberta who live in need, barely surviving month-to-month. They may live in an unsafe, unhealthy place or are constantly searching for a more affordable place to live. Imagine that this had been you. Your life experiences would be vastly different.

Since Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta's inception in 1990, we have helped more than 250 families achieve homeownership. The Habitat homeownership model is a permanent solution to poverty, both now and for generations to come. We not only build safe, decent and affordable houses - we build homes. Due to our efforts we are witnessing the brighter futures of children who have grown up in Habitat homes, and whose lives have been transformed through the stability that has been provided.

"I had never really understood what having a home actually meant. But the moment we stepped through the front door, it was a mixture of elation, excitement and relief." - Jennifer, who grew up in a Habitat home



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The children of our partner families spoke at the home dedication in Auburn Bay. Hearing them express what their new homes meant to them was impactful. They said the first night they moved in it felt like a real home. They felt safer and being in their own home brought the family closer together.

Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta is a non-profit organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

We build brighter futures for children who have grown up in Habitat homes. Our homes are the foundation for positive change, transforming their life experiences and opportunities. Research shows families living in Habitat homes will be happier and healthier. They are more financially secure and their lives improve. The children of these families experience increased confidence and do better in school. The impact of a Habitat home is both immediate and long-lasting for generations to come.

We build stable futures by building more than four walls. We build safe and decent homes, where families can build equity for their futures. Fourteen partner families moved into homes this year - their own homes. This is a significant accomplishment, given the impact of the flooding in our region and on our organization. We build hopeful futures. The June floods devastated numerous communities in Southern Alberta. Habitat for Humanity responded quickly to the crisis, expanding our support to affected homeowners throughout the region. Our volunteers mucked-out basements and held donation drives. Our organization developed and launched the ReNewal program, a disaster recovery initiative designed to help Albertans impacted by the flood. Its focus is on home repair and restoration, in an effort to build hopeful futures after such overwhelming damage.

We build inspiring futures with the incredible commitment of more than 3,200 volunteers who have contributed in excess of 46,000 volunteer hours over the past year. One person can inspire many. The ripple effects from these acts of kindness are far reaching. Our partner families are often overwhelmed by the generosity of the volunteers who help them build new futures. As a result, many of our families are inspired to pay it forward and become involved in their own communities to help others.

We build responsible futures, socially, economically and environmentally. Our ReStores accept donations of gently used and new building materials, furniture and appliances from individuals and companies in our communities. The proceeds from the sale of these products to the public supports our Habitat programs. This social enterprise diverts more than 1.5 tonnes of waste from the landfill each year.

We build engaging futures by working with our dedicated partners. We hosted numerous events across Southern Alberta which enabled us to raise awareness, raise funds and allow us to contribute to and engage with our

At Habitat for Humanity we build homes, we also build something much more. We build futures.

communities. The grand opening of our newly relocated ReStore in Medicine Hat, a FreeStore event held in Okotoks in support of the High River flood victims and a donation drive in Olds, to name a few. Together we can make a difference.

We build sustainable futures with the generous support received from our partners, sponsors and donors. The Habitat model is based on a "hand-up", not a "hand-out". Families pay for the homes with our no-interest, no-down-payment homeownership program. The mortgage payments received from the homeowners are reserved for future builds. The more homes we build, the more our build fund grows allowing us to build more homes in the future thus breaking the cycle of poverty for more deserving families. Habitat's homeownership program truly is a sustainable model.

Our dedicated staff works enthusiastically and tirelessly towards our mission of building homes and building hope to transform lives, one family at a time.

Together we empower families to build their own futures and the futures of their children.



Dave Rogne Board Chair Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta



Leslie Tamagi President and CEO Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta



Building Brighter Futures Jennifer's Story

Life before Habitat was full of inconsistencies for Jennifer. "It was a tumultuous road of instability," she says. She was constantly being relocated to different family members – grandparents, aunts and uncles – due to the fact that her mother could not find suitable, affordable housing.

"In a city that is full of wealth and prosperity, those who require social assistance often fall through the cracks, especially when it comes to housing," she says. Initiatives such as the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and secondary suites didn't exist back then, she recalls. Housing was an issue, but there were few organizations fixated on alleviating long-term, affordable housing.



That's when Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta became a beacon of hope for both Jennifer and her mother, who hadn't had the opportunity to live permanently together until Jennifer was 13 years old. Jennifer remembers the strain it put on their relationship, as well as the other hardships they faced within their family. Once they received a Habitat home, however, a life that had once been plagued by inconsistencies and constant moving had become one of love, stability, and hope for a more fulfilling future.

After 500 hours of volunteer work done by Jennifer and her mother, they finally received the keys to their new home. "I say home because that was what it was to become," Jennifer says. "I had never really understood what having a home actually meant. But the moment we stepped through the front door, it was a mixture of elation, excitement and relief."

As time progressed, Jennifer was able to do some of the things many people take for granted. She was given the opportunity to decorate and paint her bedroom, invite friends over, adopt a pet and feel comfortable in what she calls her "bubble of stability."

As she's grown up, Jennifer says she's come to realize the importance of stable, affordable, long-term housing, and the impact it can have on a family who may be struggling. In the last year, she has become employed with an agency that works to help families suffering from homelessness, as well as aid them in transitioning into housing. "This path that I chose was very much dictated by the experiences that I endured when I was younger and struggling with stable housing," she says.

"Had I not been blessed with a Habitat for Humanity home, I would not have had the chance to grow a strong, loving relationship with my mom, had the opportunity to go to university, or become interested in helping others in the social services sector." Our homeownership model empowers people like Jennifer to build brighter futures. Growing up in a Habitat home allows children to be healthier, happier, gain confidence and do better in school. This results in an increase in postsecondary education attainment, as well as increases the probability that one day they will own their own home.

HOW IT WORKS:

Each family contributes 500 hours of volunteer labour ("sweat equity") toward the building of their home. The homes are then sold to partner families with no down payment and are financed with affordable, nointerest monthly mortgages. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving fund, which is used by Habitat to build more homes for more families in need of affordable housing.



Building affordable housing not only builds brighter futures for our families, it also improves family life. New research led by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in 2012 shows that Habitat for Humanity families report being happier, healthier and more financially secure after receiving their Habitat home.

IMPACT

58%

58% report they are better off financially now than before they moved into their Habitat home

70%

70% report improved health, including reduced colds and flu, allergies, asthma symptoms and stress

86%

86% report being happier since moving into their Habitat home

89%

89% say their family life has improved



Building Stable Futures

We build stable futures by creating a strong foundation and secure futures for the children of our homeowners and for future generations. Each of our projects are multi-family units between 1,000-1,100 square feet. We strive for our homes to be certified Platinum through the Built Green Canada Program. Building green creates a huge benefit to our Habitat families by reducing overall costs for utilities and water. We were recognized at Habitat Canada's National Conference with the 2013 Green Building Award for incorporating sustainable practices that reduce environmental impacts during construction and occupancy.

In 2013, 12 partner families moved into their homes and we broke ground in four different communities across Southern Alberta.

AUBURN BAY

Broke ground: Spring 2013 Completed: Fall 2013

This was the host site of Habitat's Women Build Week, with more than 100 women volunteers who came together to build this duplex.

EVANSTON

Broke ground: Summer 2013 **Completion:** Spring 2014 Construction on a second duplex in Evanston began in September and is slated to be completed in Spring 2014.

MONTGOMERY

Broke ground: Summer 2013 Completion: Summer 2014

This four-plex will be home to four families and just steps away from local amenities, restaurants and public parks.

REDSTONE

Broke ground: Winter 2013 **Completion:** Fall 2014 This build will be comprised of seven duplexes for 14 partner families into homeownership.

MEDICINE HAT

Broke ground: Spring 2012 **Completed:** Winter 2013 Construction was completed on the tenth Habitat home in the North Flats neighborhood. A Habitat family moved in shortly after Christmas and celebrated New Year's in their new home.

REBUILD

Acquired: 2011 Completed: 2013

Significant restoration was completed on a home that was purchased from the Calgary Housing Company. Renovations included the addition of two bedrooms, a bathroom and a new roof. The home was also made physically accessible to meet the needs of the children by installing a wheelchair ramp, enlarged bathroom, and barrier-free shower.

IMPACT

- 4 homes refurbished
- 12 families moved into their homes
- 15 homes under construction
- 30 mortgages signed with families



HOW WE BUILD

By mobilizing communities, partner families, volunteer labour and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and renovates simple, decent houses. Acquiring land is always a challenge, especially in Calgary. However, thanks to our partnerships with developers such as Qualico Communities and Brookfield Residential, we have been able to develop a land bank and now have projects planned into 2015.

Our major sponsors, such as CNRL, Home Depot and Brookfield Residential, provided enthusiastic groups of volunteer on their build days. Under the supervision of our amazing volunteer crew leaders, they participate in a variety of residential construction skills such as framing and finishing.

Significant contributions of materials and supplies are donated by companies such as All Weather Windows, Lafarge Canada, and Trail Appliances enabling us to reduce the amount of cash required to build and have a continuous supply of valuable inventory at our ReStores.

We have teamed up with Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer to launch a three year "Partner in Safety" program. This program will build and strengthen a holistic and sustainable safety program for the entire organization. It will ensure that we operate at levels of safety that are parallel to other organizations in the construction industry.

In 2013, Habitat Southern Alberta received its workplace safety Certificate of Recognition (COR) administered by the Alberta Construction Safety Association.

The Government of Alberta has been a strong partner with Habitat, providing stable funding since 2007 to support the building of more than 400 homes across Alberta. We are very fortunate to have a government that recognizes the importance of investing in people, and the social return on these investments – reduced reliance on social services, improved health care, and building strong communities.



Building Brighter Futures - Shailyn's Story

For Shailyn, a Habitat home has been more than four solid walls. It's been a home with stability, security and freedom - things that didn't exist in her life before. The community she was living in with her two siblings and mother was known for high crime rates and exposed her to an at risk lifestyle.



"I was mainly excited to get out of that neighbourhood," she recalls. "It was scary. You didn't know if someone was going to break into your house or not."

Moving from basement to basement meant moving from school to school, and Shailyn had a hard time keeping consistent friends. "I didn't have a best friend until I was 15," she says – something that changed after moving into her new home and neighbourhood.

The day the home was officially theirs was a memorable one for Shailyn's entire family. "I remember the excitement when we had the keys to our own house," mother Geri-Lynn says. "My kids were almost hysterical."

Things began looking up for the family once they moved in and knew they would always have a place to call home. "It changed a lot for my kids. We still had bills and we certainly haven't had any extravagances, but just knowing we weren't going anywhere – it made a huge difference."

Shailyn says that without a Habitat home, she would likely be in a shelter, living a vulnerable lifestyle, similar to those of the friends she had in her old neighbourhood. "I don't know where I'd be," she says. "But I wouldn't be in a good place at all." Shailyn is expecting her first baby in April and has moved back home for the extra support. "I find it funny because this is where I grew up," she says. "There are three generations in this house."

This is something exciting for Geri-Lynn and something she never would have dreamed possible. "My children have grown up here and now my grandchildren are growing up here," she says. "It's what I always envisioned for my future, but thought it would never happen."

Shailyn plans to one day have her own home so that she can provide a solid foundation for her child. But her Habitat home has been her lifeline.

"This house is the family home," Geri-Lynn says. "It doesn't matter what adversity has happened. Whatever has to be done, we can do, and it's because we're here."

Building Hopeful Futures

We build hopeful futures. In June, Southern Alberta was faced with overwhelming destruction due to the floods. Extensive damage to properties, businesses, and homes displaced many families, including Habitat families across Southern Alberta. Habitat responded quickly to the need by mobilizing volunteers to build hope for the future in our communities. The flooding spanned an area of 55,000 square kilometres and prompted the first-ever State of Provincial Emergency in Alberta. The flood forced more than 120,000 people out of their homes and into temporary shelters. In some communities, the State of Emergency was in effect until mid-July.

Habitat homeowners in the Calgary community of Inglewood were evacuated. In Medicine Hat, 10 Habitat homes sustained substantial flood damage, forcing families into temporary accommodation. The Foothills Chapter was weeks away from purchasing a piece of land in High River for the construction of their first home. The flood affected seven of the Foothill Chapter volunteers, dramatically reducing their membership. The build was delayed due to the significant impact on the town and the committee members.

The flood did not stop Habitat and the Chapters from building hope in the communities. Our board members, staff and volunteers assisted with cleanup efforts across Southern Alberta. They cleaned out and stripped waterlogged basements, hauled refuse, and sorted through donated household items. Our organization launched the ReNewal Program in November to address the need of rebuilding homes.

The ReNewal Program is a new initiative designed to provide assistance to families in Southern Alberta with repairs to their flood damaged homes.

Our team is working in conjunction with community groups and other charitable organizations to identify families that have been devastated by the flood and are in need of assistance. Thanks to the financial support provided by the Canadian Red Cross, the Rotary Club of Calgary, Suncor Energy Foundation and others, we will be working with flood affected residents of Southern Alberta rebuilding their homes over the next two years.







Building Inspiring Futures

IMPACT

More than 46,000 volunteer hours were logged by more than 3,200 volunteers

We build inspiring futures through the dedication of our incredible volunteers. They give their time in many ways; on committees, construction sites, at the ReStores and at special events. The effect of their kindness is far-reaching. These volunteers are at the heart of our organization and inspire others to pay it forward after seeing the impact their commitment has had on their communities. Congratulations to the following dedicated volunteers who were recognized for their many years of service at the third annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards Breakfast.

5+ YEARS Andrew Robertson Dave Rogne Sue Teucher Julie Thomas

10+ YEARS Joe Aasland Pat Grassick Sandra Grassick Len Lesser

300+ VOLUNTEER HOURS

Peggy Bell Mike Chan Dave Driscoll Ian Emmerson James Enarson Brenda Fischer Pat Grassick George Procter

A NUMBER OF OUR VOLUNTEERS RECEIVED VARIOUS COMMUNITY AWARDS IN 2013:

| Calgary Flames State Farm Good Neighbour Award | David Harrison | |
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| Humanity Southern Alberta's Special Recognition Award | Eldon Adams, Marlene Balser, Richard Clark, Mary Doull, Orville Eby, Vincent Fera, Margo Fraser Deborah Hitchcock, Harold Johnsrude, Dan Puloski | |
| Habitat Canada's "Hats Off" Award | Arlene Barr, Clint Berg, Al Carruthers, Peter Chaya, Sandra Grassick, Andrew Saly, Con Sidoroff, Jim Stone | |
| Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal | Peggy Bell, Mike Chan, Dave Driscoll | |
| The Governor General's Caring Canadian Award | John Davis, Brenda Fischer, Phil Johnson | |



VOLUNTEER STATISTICS:

| 2013 VOLUNTEER HOURS | # OF VOLUNTEERS | # OF HOURS |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| Construction | 1,830 | 24,522 |
| ReStore | 672 | 13,826 |
| Flood Recovery | 68 | 656 |
| Special Events | 460 | 2,763 |
| Board of Directors | 20 | 474 |
| Other (Committees, Office Volunteers, etc.) | 167 | 4,580 |
| Total: | 3,217 | 46,821 |

Note: Sweat equity is included in all categories except the Board of Directors. Some volunteers may be included in more than one category.





Building Inspiring Futures

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Leslie Tamagi President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta





Witnessing the family's joy and happiness at the home dedication ceremony is a powerful and heartwarming event. You can see the appreciation and pride the homeowners have when you visit them in their new homes. It is an uplifting and humbling experience.

It's extremely difficult to not get swept up by the amazing family stories of survival. You come away fulfilled and feeling that you can and have made a difference in peoples' lives.

– Vince Fera, HFHSA Board Director



Building Responsible Futures

IF Habitat for Humanity

ReStore

Restore

We build responsible futures. Our ReStores sell quality new and used furniture, appliances and building materials to the public at greatly reduced prices. ReStore proceeds help cover Habitat Southern Alberta's administration costs, ensuring that donations go directly to the construction of affordable homes for families in need. All products in the ReStores are donated by local people and businesses.

Each year, ReStores in Canada divert thousands of tonnes of waste from landfills. By accepting and selling new and gently used products from individual donors, end-of-the-line or discontinued items, and customer returns from retailers and manufacturers - useful products are reused rather than wasted.

ReStore customers can expect to find materials such as windows, doors, appliances, paint, furniture, light fixtures, building materials, and more. Customers are encouraged to visit regularly as inventory changes daily.

Whether shoppers are looking to put a fresh coat of paint in their home, re-furnish or decorate a room, or dispose of an old kitchen sink or cabinets, the ReStore is the perfect location to donate and purchase reasonably priced items.



In August, the Medicine Hat ReStore relocated to a larger building located at 509, 17 Street SW. The increased space and higher profile in the community resulted in an increase in sales of 44 per cent over 2012.

Sales at the Calgary ReStore were up 20 per cent over 2012 to almost \$2 million. This achievement has earned them the top sales spot in Canada for the second year in a row and one of the top 5 in the world.

In addition, the ReStores won the Corporate and Social Responsibility award from the Retail Council of Canada.



IMPACT

Contributed more than \$800,000 to HFHSA

537 volunteers contributed nearly 11,500 hours

Diverted nearly 1,500 tonnes of waste from the landfill.

ReStore staff and volunteers were active in their communities throughout the year, participating in the following events:

- Calgary HomExpo
- "Shabby-to-Chic" Workshop
- Calgary's Best Upcycler Contest
- Calgary ReStore Open House
- Urban Impact Shred Days
- ReStore FreeStore (High River flood assistance)
- Calgary Home + Design Show
- Ultimate Upcycle Challenge





Building Responsible Futures

SHOP WITH US! Visit our ReStores to find great deals.

Calgary ReStore 3465 Sunridge Way NE Calgary, AB T1Y 7H5

Phone: 403-291-6764 calgaryrestore@habitatsouthernab.ca

Visit **restorecalgary.ca** for an up-to-date list of current inventory in store and more.

Medicine Hat ReStore 509 – 17 Street SW Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7W5

Phone: 403-504-5043 medicinehatrestore@habitatsouthernab.ca







Building Brighter Futures

Vanessa, Mikhail, Gabriel and Patricia's Story

Siblings Vanessa, Mikhail, Gabriel and Patricia, were 4, 5, 9 and 10 years old when they moved into their Habitat home. Fifteen years later, they can reflect on the impact a safe and affordable home has had on each of them.

All four have different memories of life before Habitat, but one consistent recollection is moving around a lot. The family moved seven or eight times, with the entire family living in a one room basement at one point. Vanessa and Mikhail weren't of school age yet, but Patricia and Gabriel attended three different elementary schools before moving into their new home. "It was hard to uproot and leave old friends with every move," Patricia says.

The day they moved in, the family felt a sensation of accomplishment and all the children were excited to finally have their own bedrooms. Once they were settled, they attended only one junior high and one high school – a vast difference from their elementary years.

"It's been nice not having had to change my address for the past 15 years," Patricia says. "Probably the greatest advantage was having something solid and unchanging when everything in my life seemed to be changing." As children, they may not have understood the implications of what the move into their Habitat home meant, but as adults, they've each had their own realizations on the impact it has had on their lives. "I start to see the hours of labour put into this house," Gabriel says. "It makes it feel more special."

"I know we are very blessed," Vanessa says. "Every detail of my life would be different without this home. I think my future is much more secure now. I hope to have a home like this one someday, where my children can grow up and look at the walls and be filled with memories."

Patricia, Gabriel and Mikhail share the same sentiments and all four children know that they want the same stability and security for their own families one day.

Each of the siblings have accomplished much since the day they moved into their Habitat home, whether obtaining jobs or attending post-secondary institutions.

"We are all young and the possibilities are endless, and though that's a bit frightening, it's also thrilling," Vanessa says. "I am so happy that we've had this home and have such bright futures."



Building Engaging Futures

We build engaging futures with the support of our numerous partners who host events across Southern Alberta. From the grand opening of our newly relocated Medicine Hat ReStore, to the FreeStore in Okotoks, these events allow us to create awareness, raise funds and contribute to the communities we serve. We are making a difference together.

Governor General of Canada takes part in Habitat Build March, 2013

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada participated in a Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta construction project in the northwest community of Evanston in Calgary.

His Excellency presented the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award to three Habitat Southern Alberta recipients who contribute to the well-being of their community, John Davis, Brenda Fischer, and Phil Johnson.





Women Build

May 2013

More than 100 women volunteers and crew leaders wearing bright red hardhats and blue t-shirts took part in Women Build, constructing a duplex in Auburn Bay. The week-long event included framing of the first and second levels, window and door installations and by the end of the week roof trusses were raised onto the structure. Students from nearby McKenzie Towne School volunteered their time to make lunches for all the volunteers and crew leaders.

PGA TOUR Canada

June, 2013 ATB Financial Classic

Seven PGA TOUR Canada professional golfers visited the HFHSA build site in Evanston for a special "Build Day." They were players in the 2013 ATB Financial Classic, presented by TELUS. The golfers rolled up their sleeves to work alongside our construction crew, installing siding, fitting moulding and hanging doors.

Calgary Flames Captain, Mark Giordano was also on-site to lend a helping hand. Mark was the Honourary Chairman of the golf tournament and is a long-time supporter of Habitat for Humanity. Evanston homeowners attended the event and were delighted to have the players build part of their homes. Due to widespread flooding in Calgary and surrounding areas, the 2013 ATB Financial Classic golf tournament was rescheduled to later dates - August 6 to 9. We received a generous donation of \$50,000 from the event.





Building Engaging Futures

ReStore FreeStore

July 2013

The Foothills Chapter and Calgary ReStore hosted a FreeStore event at Sobeys in Okotoks for flood affected residents of High River and surrounding areas. Items donated by individuals, businesses and suppliers, including furniture, lighting, and construction materials, were offered to more than 150 families. Global Electronic Recycling (GEEP) was also on-site and collected a large amount of electronic materials to be recycled, with proceeds donated to the Foothills Chapter.

CrossIron Mills - Stampede Breakfast July 2013

Thousands of people from Calgary and the surrounding area attended the stampede breakfast hosted by CrossIron Mills. Our volunteers flipped pancakes, grilled sausages, lead pony rides, and gave event goers information about Habitat.

GFS Raise the Roof Walk/Run

September 2013

This was the third annual 5KM walk and 10KM run presented by Gordon Food Service Calgary, with more than 100 participants lacing up their runners in support of Habitat Southern Alberta.





Good Earth Gingerbread Cookie Promotion November 2013 – January 2014

This campaign sold packages of fresh-baked gingerbread cookie families in support of Habitat for Humanity. One dollar from each sale went to the local Habitat affiliate. Since 2009, Good Earth's annual cookie campaign has raised more than \$17,000 for Habitat for Humanity. This was the campaign's most successful year to date, selling more than 6,000 gingerbread families.

CrossIron Mills - Playhouse Raffle

December 2013

In partnership with Qualico Communities and CrossIron Mills, three two-storey, furnished playhouses were built by Qualico builders Broadview, NuVista, and Sterling Homes. The playhouses were on display at the mall until early January when the raffle winners were announced.

CrossIron Mills - Holiday Gift Wrapping December 2013

Habitat volunteers spread the holiday cheer by greeting shoppers and hosting a gift wrapping kiosk at CrossIron Mills. Donations to Habitat were made in exchange for the gift-wrapping service.

Northland Village Mall Sugarplum Lane December 2013

Families were treated to a visit with Santa, cookie decorating and holiday activities at Sugarplum Lane. Admission was a donation to Habitat for Humanity. In addition, for every gift card purchased from December 1-24, \$1 was donated to Habitat for Humanity.



Building Sustainable Futures

We build sustainable futures through the generous support of our partners, sponsors and donors. Our homeownership program is a sustainable business model. Funds raised builds homes for partner families. Their mortgage payments are reinvested into more affordable homes in perpetuity which helps break the cycle of poverty for more deserving families.

By supporting Habitat, you are doing more than building homes; you are transforming futures for generations to come.

Supporters \$100,000+

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