

[ BUILDING HOPE ]

## UNIQUE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Habitat for Humanity Niagara reduces the barriers to homeownership by offering families in financially vulnerable situations a quality-built, affordable, EnergyStar® certified home.

We partner with families who are ready for the responsibility and challenges of homeownership, but would not qualify for a traditional mortgage. Potential families must have...

- A demonstrated need for safe, decent, affordable housing.
- The ability to repay a zero-interest mortgage and maintain a house.
- The willingness to contribute *Sweat Equity* volunteer hours in the community and support our mission.

Owning a home is a life-changing experience. Through the work of our affiliate, volunteers, donors and supporters, Habitat for Humanity enriches the community and people's lives in many miraculous ways. When decent, affordable housing is made available, people are naturally healthier, happier, stronger, and more productive.

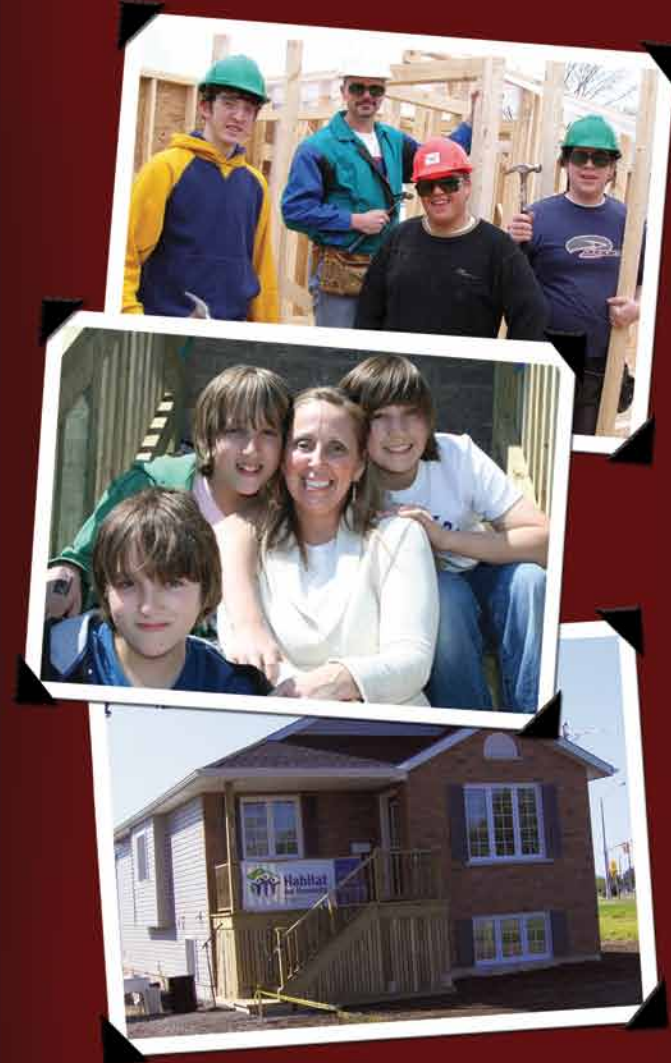
To find out more about our Homeownership Program, please contact our Family Selection Committee at 905-685-7395 ext 210.



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[ Proper shelter saves lives. ]

It rekindles hope and roots families and communities.  
In decent housing, the walls are strong, the roof is secure -  
and the family can focus more on living than simply surviving.

## [ BUILDING COMMUNITIES ]

### OUR CHALLENGE

A reported 5,000 families in the Niagara Region live in housing that is not affordable, is over-crowded, substandard, or a combination of the three. In many cases, families are forced to choose between buying food, medicine and clothing, or putting a roof over their heads.

### OUR GOAL

We exist to build stronger, healthier families and communities. We believe that the power of homeownership goes beyond the benefit of shelter. Our work has shown that when people experience the joys and rich meaning of home, a transformation occurs, incredible things happen and generations are impacted.

### HABITAT HOMEOWNERSHIP BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY

- Family health conditions improve
- Children do better in school
- Income levels and job prospects increase
- Dependency on government and social services decreases
- Families give back to the community

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

- Make a financial donation
- Provide real estate for new home construction
- Donate products and services
- Involve us in grant and awards programs
- Involve your company as a sponsor
- Make Habitat Niagara your event beneficiary
- Raise public awareness of poverty housing issues
- Remember Habitat Niagara in your will

## [ BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE ]

The ReStore is a retail store that accepts and resells quality new and gently used home-improvement and building materials. Everything is donated and the profits go toward Habitat for Humanity Niagara's homebuilding program – restoring hope for low-income families. The store is open to the public, no membership required.

### REDUCE. REUSE. RESTORE.

Habitat's ReStore also helps reduce our environmental footprint by providing an opportunity to reuse materials that would otherwise end up in landfill. Since opening in 2000, the ReStore has diverted over 3,000,000 pounds from Niagara waste sites.

### DONATING IS EASY.

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes and most donations are tax deductible. Call us to find out more 905-685-7395, ext 205.

### THE SUPPLIES YOU NEED THE PRICES YOU WANT

From construction materials to one-of-a-kind antiques, you'll find great deals on a wide range of items at the ReStore. In many cases, prices are 50%- 75% less than what you would find at retail stores. You can expect to find items su