



Habitat for Humanity mobilizes volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

HFHE has provided home ownership to over 130 families in the capital region and beyond since 1991. The Anderson Gardens build will help them reach their goal of building 100 homes each and every year by 2012. Not only will Anderson Gardens be HFHE's biggest build to date, but it will also be their first official Built Green project. Anderson Gardens will be completed in three phases over three years.

"When our Anderson Gardens build is completed, there will be 47 families who will discover the security and stability of home ownership and the sense of belonging to a community," said Susan Green, HFHE Board Chair. "This neighbourhood will be teeming with children playing in their yards and attending local schools, and families are able to contribute positively to community life."

Some of the other major donors for the build include All Weather Windows, CIL, Enbridge, Home Depot Canada Foundation, Lafarge, R.E.I.N., Stantec Inc., Sureway Construction, and TELUS – Womens Connection. This is the REALTORS® Community Foundation's third Habitat build.

Since 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton has empowered low-income families pursue their dreams by providing them a hand up into home ownership. By mobilizing volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership, we break the cycle of poverty one door at a time.



There's Nothing Else Like Home. To children and youth, a home is more than a place to lie down to sleep. It is refuge from the proverbial storm; it's stable and secure and calming; a neutral zone where they can recharge themselves for the uncertain challenges of the next school day.

Trisha is 17 and in grade 11. She moved into her Habitat home this past August, and with the move came changes: a new neighbourhood, a new school, but also a new sense of home. She now has room to spread her wings.

"I have a lot more room," says Trisha, "I used to share a room with my two sisters, but now I have my own room – the basement to myself." No doubt the basement will be filled with music as Trisha plays her guitar and hones her song writing skills, two hobbies she enjoys immensely. She even wrote a song about what home means to her and performed it with her sister Chaviz during her home dedication ceremony in Sherwood Park. Trisha says, "Home means being closer to my family; being closer to each other. It means I always have a place to go to be safe. Whatever happens at school I have a safe place at home."

When asked if she could just say one thing to all the people who helped them build her home, her reply was, "Just one thing?" She thanks all the volunteers and donors so much for giving their time and effort to help her family build their home. Because of all the dedicated Habitat supporters, Trisha will continue to sing "there's nothing else like home."

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