



2020 Annual Report

welcome home

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being resilient in times of change

When we look back at 2020 and the historic events of COVID-19 it would be easy to talk about the negative impacts it had on people, businesses and communities. Every aspect of our work and home lives changed. On reflection, the pandemic became a catalyst to try things differently. Some out of desperate need, and others because we had time to look more holistically at our business and make decisions that would make a difference now and into the future.

At Habitat Heartland our team from the ground up was involved in creating opportunities for the families we serve and our community partners. With the strength of our brand and resiliency of our staff and volunteers, we were able to assist first responders early in the pandemic with the donation of required PPE to long-term care facilities in our region. We worked with corporate sponsors to donate product to multiple food banks and supply organizations that were dealing directly with women and children in shelters or escaping abusive situations, with backpacks and supplies.

The construction team continued to move forward with the completion of the final two homes on Forbes Street including the 17-home project know as Manor Park. We embarked on our first Indigenous Build with Munsee-Delaware Nation where we finished four new homes for families. Then we went to the Unity Project and updated their 41-bed shelter with much-needed repairs. We celebrated the groundbreaking of a semi-detached home in St. Thomas. The team also launched a pilot project assisting other affordable housing providers through the City of London with renovations to allow vacant units to be occupied once again.

Our social enterprise the Habitat ReStores launched online sales platforms for all locations, opened a seventh location at Wonderland and Oxford in London, relocated its distribution centre, and refreshed its stores to better service our clients. This also helped us launch a Skills Catalyst training program that provided an on-site practical classroom and training for individuals from partner organizations to equip them with the tools needed to find employment.

This year, we have continued with an aggressive growth strategy while increasing our impact in the communities we serve. In 2020 the only constant was change, and our staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and community partners worked together so that we would all emerge from the pandemic in a position of strength. As we ended the year, we signed an MOU to merge with Brant and Norfolk Counties. Having developed a talented and motivated team, we are prepared to tackle larger and more impactful projects – over the next three years we will quadruple the impact we have on the communities we serve. With the increased demand in affordable housing, there is so much more we need to do and Habitat Heartland is leading the way to support more people.

We are excited for 2021 because together we are building a brighter future for our families and our communities.



Brian Elliot, CEO



Alan MacKinnon, Board Chair

our impact 2020

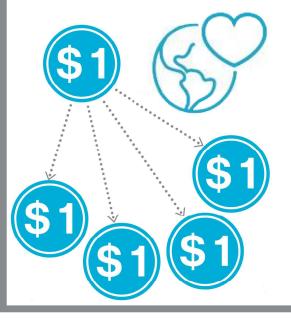
here's what you helped us achieve...

77 Habitat Heartland Ontario Employees

remained employed through COVID-19 pandemic

\$2,543,688 of societal benefits generated

for the communities we serve. Every dollar donated to Habitat Heartland results in \$4 of societal benefits





6 families

moved into their Habitat homes this year



90 families

have partnered with Habitat Heartland to achieve affordable homeownership since 1993



453 volunteers

donated their time to help in our ReStores, on our build sites, and in our offices



23,091 volunteer hrs

contributed by our ourstanding volunteers!



\$1,215,315 raised

in donations and gifts in kind, thanks to our generous donors and community partners



45 families

still benefitting from geared to income mortgages

our impact 2020

here's how you helped us give back to our community...

PPE Donation



Our ReStores redirected previously donated PPE supplies including over 2,100 masks and 1,400 protective suits to front line workers in hospitals, labs and seniors' homes in our local communities.

Dog Food Donation

Our ReStore trucks distributed 4,750 bags of WholeHearted Pets dog food to charities that help feed dogs in need in the communities we serve, including: SCAAR, London Food Bank, Stratford-Perth Humane Society.



Thank you to Canadian Tire for their generous donation of WholeHearted Pets dog food

Backpack & School Supply Donation



We distributed knapsacks full of school & craft supplies to our Habitat families, and to 1,300 families served by our partners in the community, including: Street Level Women at Risk, Community Living London, Anova.

Thank you to Staples for their generous donation of backpacks and school supplies



Unity Project Refurbishment

We partnered with Unity
Project to refurbish &
upgrade their current
facility at 717 Dundas,
widening our impact on
housing in the community.
Unity Project offers a
home-like shelter
environment for adults &
youth (16+) of all genders.



"ReStore our Community" Drive



Our ReStores collected donations from customers for different community organizations of their choice, from Aug 17-22. We wanted to help give back to our community during a time of great need through our direct service community partners.

Skills Catalyst Training

We planned and launched our Skills Catalyst Training Program, funded by the Government of Ontario. It is a free 8-week skills training program that prepares members of our community for their job search & future education in the skilled trades



our impact



Karin's story

As a single mom to three children, Karin struggled to give them everything they needed. "I did not want to have to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table," Karen said, which is why they lived in their cramped rental accommodation for so long. The cost of living for safe and decent places to live was too high.

Karin wanted to provide her children Keyshawn, Zachery and Victoria a similar childhood to what she had; a stable home of their own to make memories in, as part of a safe neighbourhood where the children could play outside with their friends without worry. Like many hardworking single parents, Karin thought, "...the idea of owning my own home was all but a daydream.

The task of saving up enough money for a down payment is impossible." It wasn't until Karin heard of Habitat Heartland Ontario that she thought this dream just might be a reality for her family. Partnering with Habitat was the hand-up she needed.

Karin, Zachery, Victoria and Keyshawn moved into their home at 36 Forbes Street in London on February 13th, 2021. Their home build was sponsored by National Bank. Karin's family is all settled in to their new home, and looking forward entertaining friends and family when it is safe to do so. "Our Habitat home means I can finally put down roots with my family, take a moment to breathe, and enjoy the little things in life we take for granted."



Arber, Lumturi and their two children, Liza and Lir were living in a small apartment that was not suitable for a family of four. "Having enough space for our children would be a dream come true." The need for space and decent living conditions was amplified by their son Lir's unique needs due to his autism. "Lir is very dependent on us, and because of his condition he misses a lot of school hours," says Arber.

Lir's needs also meant that it was impossible for both parents to work full time. It was becoming increasingly difficult for the family to live in such cramped quarters as the children grew older, but the cost of a larger rental property that would suit their needs was getting futher out of reach as the years went on.

When Arber & Lumturi were selected to partner with Habitat Heartland and become homeowners, they were thrilled about what this would mean for their family.

In their new 2-story Habitat home, Lir and Liza are particularly excited that there is enough space for everyone to have their bedrooms. Lir is particularly happy to have a backyard to safely play in whenever he likes!

Throughout the past year, Arber & Lumturi's family have been grateful for their new Habitat home and the sense of security it brings during this time of great uncertainty. When we checked in with them in May of last year, Arber had this to say: "We are all enjoying the new house, especially Lir. He is has enough space now, moving up and down all the time - so much energy! Thank God that we are in the house during this time, it is so much easier for us.... and Lir now has his own swing in the backyard, and he loves it!"

Arber & Lumturi's home at 38 Forbes Street was sponsored by Forever Homes. Thank you for supporting Arber, Lumturi, Lir and Liza's growing sense of strength, stability and self-reliance.

Munsee-Delaware Nation Indigenous Build



This year, Habitat Heartland Ontario completed our first Indigenous Build project, in partnership with Munsee-Delaware Nation. This involved building four single-family homes on Munsee-Delaware NationTraditional Territory for Indigenous families in the community.

This build project was a meaningful collaboration between Habitat Heartland Ontario and Munsee-Delaware Nation as a result of our shared commitment to building safe and secure homes for Indigenous families on Traditional Territory. We want to thank the community of Munsee-Delaware for working with us on this project which helps bring affordable homeownership and other housing solutions to the community. This four-home build project was generously supported by Diamond Hammer sponsor Tachane Foundation.

Habitat Heartland is proud to take part in Habitat Canada's national Indigenous Housing Partnership, an equitable partnership between Habitat Canada and the Assembly of First Nations rooted in respect for Indigenous culture. Habitat Heartland is committed to helping deliver housing solutions by Indigenous communities, for Indigenous communities.



2020 highlights

january

Wonderland ReStore Grand Opening (Feb29th)



august

St. Thomas Elgin Homebuilders Association Golf Tournament fundraiser

september

Northern Commerce NCares partnership announced, \$150,000 in GIK

february

Key Ceremony for 36 & 38 Forbes Street, London



march

COVID-19 shutdown began



october

Virtual Groundbreaking Ceremony for 92 & 94 Scott St., St. Thomas

april

Our ReStores launched e-commerce



november

Habitat for Humanity
Canada - Virtual
National Conference,
we won the
One Habitat Award

december

Virtual Key Ceremony Munsee-Delaware Nation

june

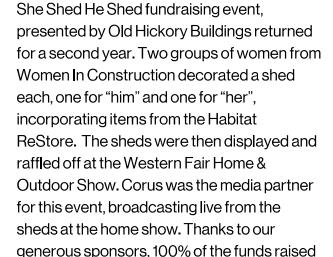
Meaning of Home contest runner-up Emily won \$10,000 for our Munsee-Delaware Build





our community events





from ticket sales went toward building homes

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special thanks to:

in our community.

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our environmental impact

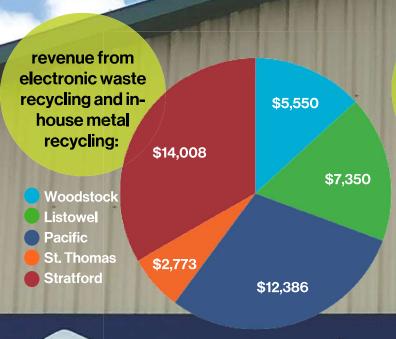


Habitat Heartland ReStores

2020 will be a year that none of us will forget. A year that began with great promise, celebrating the very successful opening of our seventh Habitat Heartland Ontario ReStore, at 611 Wonderland Road North in London. When it became clear that the pandemic would drastically affect our ReStore business, the affiliate and ReStore staff quickly turned their attention to creating an online sales platform that could serve all our stores.

The combined effort to launch and market the platform was a huge task, but working together, we were quickly able to start generating sales. While the year was difficult, this online initiative and the brief periods of being open to the public, allowed the ReStores to provide some financial support to the organization. There was a tremendous effort by all parties to maintain communications, and keep things running smoothly during various lock-downs and stay-at-home orders. Even more impactful was the ability of the board and upper management to keep staff employed for the entire year.

A highlight of 2020 was the work of our ReStore team to distribute and facilitate donations of much needed items like dog food, school supplies, and PPE to our community partners in the counties we serve. We came together during a time of great uncertainty to give back to our community, and be of service to front-line organizations that were in need of support.



over 22,800 volunteer hours in our ReStores

launched e-commerce platforms for all 7 ReStores 25+
ReStore truck
deliveries
distributing
product to assist
with COVID-19
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our team

volunteers

Habitat Heartland volunteers gave 23,091 total volunteer hours in 2020

453 Volunteers contributed their time at our 7 ReStores





23,091 total hours at minimum \$15/hour = \$346,365 saved in labour costs

565 new volunteers joined our team





our team includes 174 youth volunteers between the ages of 16-25

2,194 hours contributed on the build site from construction volunteers





facilitated 40 student volunteer placements

286 hours contributed towards building Habitat's e-learning modules





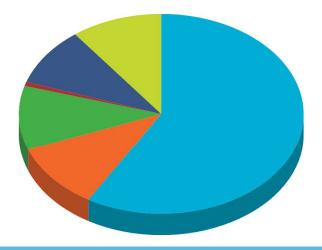
thank you volunteers!

our reports

funding sources

ReStore Ops	\$3,595,563	58.51%
Home Sales	\$ 656,500	10.68%
Fundraising Revenue,		
Donations & Grants	\$ 635,922	10.35%
Income on Mortgages	\$ 42,508	0.69%
GIK for Builds	\$ 579,393	9.43%
Build Payments	\$ 635,736	10.34%
Totalı	\$6 1 <u>4</u> 5 622	

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allocation of operating expenses

ReStore Operations	\$3,531,897	60.79%
Administration	\$ 780,639	13.44%
Build Costs	\$1,379,265	23.74%
Land Costs	\$ 118,607	2.04%
Total:	\$5,810,408	

our reports

statement of operations and changes in fund balances

In Canadian Dollars As of December 2020	2020	2019
ASSETS CURRENT Cash Accounts Receivable HST Rebate recoverable Prepaid expenses & deposits Inventory Current portion of First Mortgages receivable	912,269 151,742 89,496 92,515 1,288,935 444,115	340,173 102,598 31,932 157,859 1,183,631 422,912
	2,979,072	2,239,105
Capital Assets First Mortgages Receivable	423,693 3,879,303	412,639 3,950,907
	7,282,067	6,602,651
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities Deferred Contributions Demand Loans	372,879 172,705 420,798	207,688 230,270 293,512
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