



SPRING EDITION 2017

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WATERLOO REGION



## WHAT'S COOKING?

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION INSPIRES GARDENING AND COOKING ON KEHL STREET!

"I can't wait to cook food for all our neighbours and the kids!" Lifang cannot contain her enthusiasm for their new Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region home. "It's a Chinese tradition to share food. We always have enough to share with other families and our door will always be open for any kids who are running around with our boys and want something to eat!"

Their older son, Jinrong (Jeffrey), can't contain his curiosity. "He's a very bright

boy," says Lifang, "and on our first tour he was asking about all the electrical panels and appliances: 'What does this do? What does that do?' He literally has a million questions!"

Lifang already feels connected to her neighbours. "We've already seen many children, lots of young families. I hope that I can either have a small garden plot, or I can just use planters the way I have in our apartment. I can grow

lots and lots of vegetables, and the kids have been very involved. I would love to share our garden and our food with other kids too."

"Now that we are proud Canadian citizens, this home means security. I believe security is very important. Kids grow up more confident in a secure environment. They don't have to worry about moving around," she says.

Her husband Hongwei loves his job, and Lifang is getting more connected in her field too. "I'm passionate about helping more women integrate into science, tech, math and engineering. I've worked in community and academic services and I look forward to bringing my studies and skills to work in Canada."

**Your support of Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region makes it possible for families like Lifang's to earn a safe, affordable home. You're helping a total of 7 families who hope to move in to their new home this summer. And your continued support today means we can help more families achieve their dream of homeownership! Right now there are families in our community who are waiting for their chance. Thank you.**

# YOU'RE BUILDING TWO HOMES IN WELLESLEY!

## OUR FIRST EVER BUILD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY—THANKS TO YOU!

Together with over 200 volunteers and key donors, we are delighted to announce that 2 new homes will be built for local, hard-working families.

“We are thrilled to welcome Habitat to our community, and are fully invested in the success of building 2 units for local families in our area”, says Wellesley Mayor Joe Nowak. As you know, these families will become homeowners by paying a no-interest mortgage, capped at 25% of their gross household income. As part of their partnership, each adult contributes 250 ‘sweat equity’ volunteer hours toward the construction of their home and other Habitat homes.

Over the next 2 years, with the support of loyal and caring donors like you, we’ll raise the funds needed to complete these homes. If you’d like to donate to the project, or sign up to volunteer on the build site, please visit [www.habitatwr.ca](http://www.habitatwr.ca). Thank you!



## JIMMY & ROSALYNN CARTER WORK PROJECT 2017

### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

The Carter Work Project is an initiative to help Habitat for Humanity Canada mark Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday by building 150 homes. It’s Habitat Canada’s biggest project ever! You can get involved by volunteering at the build site, making a donation or sharing your love for Habitat on social media. Find out how you can get involved this July by visiting [www.habitatwr.ca](http://www.habitatwr.ca). Thank you!

## ONE MEAL AT A TIME!

### VOLUNTEER PROFILE: DOROTHY DUXBURY



“When I do something for someone, it makes me feel good.”

Dorothy has been volunteering with Habitat Waterloo Region for over 20 years. She first got involved as part of her church. Very early on, she rolled up her sleeves to coordinate meals for the volunteers.

“When I do something for someone, it makes me feel good. Even the little things.” And for over 20 years, she’s been a crucial part of helping feed our volunteers, one meal at a time, every single day.

In addition to volunteering for Habitat, Dorothy helps out at her church and also the Cancer Society. She turns 90 years old this month, and stays active by dancing a few times a week in addition to her volunteer commitments.

Thank you, Dorothy and Happy Birthday.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BUILD SITES?

**YOUR GIFTS ARE AT WORK! HARDHATS AND OVEN MITTS REQUIRED!**

Spring has sprung and we see your gifts in action every day on our build sites. You help train and support our volunteers in a range of activities, from hanging drywall to preparing delicious and nutritious meals.

In **2016**, here's just some of what you helped make possible:



**37,500**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

**5,650**  
MOUTHS FED  
BY HOSPITALITY  
VOLUNTEERS



**68** CABINETS  
INSTALLED

**1,600**  
FLOOR  
PLANKS  
LAID

**1,000** WINDOWS POLISHED

**Thank you for your generous gifts that support our volunteers!**

Right now, on our Wellesley and Kehl Street sites, we are looking for construction crew members, photographers, hospitality volunteers and team leaders. We're also looking for daily snack and lunch donations (20 people per day, Monday through Friday).

Each and every gift is precious and deeply appreciated. If you're able to give today, your gift will go to work immediately on both sites, helping build more homes for our neighbours!



## OPEN WINDOWS, OPEN HEARTS!

**DONOR PROFILES: GOLDEN WINDOWS AND STRASSBURGER WINDOWS**

Habitat Waterloo Region is grateful for the generosity of these 2 key partners and donors. Together, they have donated 1,750 windows (to both the ReStore and our build sites)—enough to build 175 homes. That's valued at \$450,000! Thank you for your amazing support!

We are proud to partner with businesses like Golden and Strassburger, who want to help with our mission to provide affordable housing and support our neighbours. Thanks for being such caring supporters of Habitat, our families and our community.

We are thrilled to announce that we recently received a gift of \$250,000 from the estate of a kind and caring donor named Betty. When compassionate donors like Betty remember Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region in their wills, we are able to use those funds to secure land for future builds. It's a way to make a promise to the families of tomorrow—a promise that we will always be here to build safe and affordable homes for hard-working families. And for donors like Betty, it aligned with her strong sense of community, of giving back and providing a *hand up* to families.

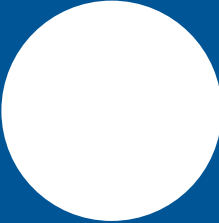
Making a gift in your will is a very personal matter, and you will certainly want to look after your family first, as well as discuss your plans with your trusted advisors. We would also welcome an opportunity to have a confidential conversation with you about how you can make a promise to the families of tomorrow with a gift in your will. **You can reach me anytime at 519-747-0664 ext. 229, [jlawlor@habitatwr.ca](mailto:jlawlor@habitatwr.ca). Thank you! – Jerry Lawlor, Vice President, Development**

Habitat supporters and families are contributing everyday to our online community. You can join the conversation and find regular updates, exclusive photos, news, and ways to connect with us and your neighbours who also care about our community.

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