

A message from Habitat for Humanity Canada

Habitat for Humanity Canada is committed to creating safe places for families to call home. The urgent call for physical distancing and isolation at this time brings to light the dire need for safe and decent housing.

Helping the families we serve continues to be our top priority during this challenging time. All local Habitats across Canada have been severely impacted in their ability to fundraise for builds, programs and operations. Many local Habitats across the country have had to make very difficult decisions to ensure that we are in a strong position to continue to serve more families when this crisis is over. The majority of our local Habitats' operations and programs are funded by revenues that are generated by Habitat ReStores. To keep volunteers and supporters safe, many of these ReStores are temporarily closed. Similarly, many construction sites have had to shut down or severely limit operations in order to maintain a safe environment for staff and contractors.

Local Habitats across the country are finding innovative ways to respond to the impact of this crisis, building with limited personnel and resources to ensure we keep moving families into their new homes, exploring e-commerce for Habitat ReStores and preparing for when they can re-open and welcome volunteers back to build sites. Just this past week, Habitat Mid-Vancouver Island North celebrated a 'virtual' key ceremony, welcoming two new Habitat homeowners into their Habitat home.

We know, now more than ever, that it is communities working together that help families build strength, stability and independence. We still need your valuable support. We continue to accept Build and ReStore gift-in-kind donations, as well as cash donations, to help us keep operations running as smoothly as possible across the country. For more information on how to donate to us, please go to <https://www.electrofed.com/about/habitat/>.