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Upper Grand DSB high school students move from classroom to local Habitat for Humanity build site



Guelph CVI students help Habitat for Humanity WDG staff unload flooring supplies into Cityview Village units.

Guelph, ON — Five local Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) high schools worked on Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph (Habitat for Humanity WDG) build site – Cityview Village, recently.

Habitat for Humanity WDG has partnered with the UGDSB to provide students with hands-on experience under an experiential learning ‘work experience’ model. Each of the five participating schools will be dedicating up to 3 days per school on site. High school students from the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program, College Heights SS, Guelph CVI, John F. Ross CVI, Centre Dufferin DHS and Centennial CVI will be participating.

The Upper Grand District School Board intends to remain focussed on the concept of supporting meaningful career opportunities for students in the workplace pathway that are completing secondary school.

Habitat for Humanity WDG is about more than just building safe affordable housing – they’re about building community. “We strive for community prosperity,” says Steve Howard, CEO of Habitat for Humanity WDG. “Providing local students with learning opportunities is incredibly rewarding. We hope to inspire these young people to be engaged in community in a meaningful and rewarding way”.



We build strength, stability and self-reliance.

Students have been able to bring what they've learned in the classroom to the Habitat build site. "It's an opportunity for youth to have hands on practical experience and gain a deeper understanding of the Habitat mission – to put families, seniors and individuals in safe, affordable housing" says Maggie Moniz, Volunteer Service Coordinator with Habitat for Humanity WDG.

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About Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph

At Habitat for Humanity, we build more than just houses. We build community – we build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Since inception, our local Habitat has built more than 25 homes in our catchment community of Wellington Dufferin Guelph. But, there is a critical need for affordable housing in our community that can't be met one home at a time. We need to build more to support the growing need for affordable housing.

Habitat for Humanity is an advocate of creating more sustainable, safe, affordable housing options that will benefit Canadians and our local communities. To do this, we take a holistic and collaborative approach to affordable housing solutions.

In Guelph, we've embarked on our most ambitious build yet – Cityview Village. Cityview Village is more than just a housing development. It's a community for change. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to feel the strength, stability and self-reliance that owning a home provides.

In Dufferin, our local Habitat for Humanity has embarked on a multi-residential affordable housing development where we plan to build 6 – 10 affordable housing units with an emphasis on the housing needs of families, seniors, victims of family violence and people with disabilities. We are also exploring the renovation of 3 residential properties in Dufferin. Of which, we would convert into 4-6 units of affordable housing.

Our current development projects are in partnership with Family Transition Place (supporting women and families in transition), Community Living Guelph Wellington, and discussions are underway with Community Living Dufferin County regarding a deeper partnership. Land opportunities are also being pursued in Centre Wellington.

Habitat empowers families in building stability, strength and self-reliance by providing a hand-up through home ownership and partnership.