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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa's Board of Directors Announcement of CEO Departure**

OTTAWA, ON (June 8, 2021) - On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa, we are announcing that Alexis Ashworth will be stepping down from the role of Chief Executive Officer effective September 10, 2021. Over the past seven years, Alexis has led a growing organization and has created a culture of collaboration and innovation at Habitat Greater Ottawa as well as with our broader community stakeholders.

Alexis' guidance, vision and drive has consistently inspired our team to push the boundaries and exceed our ambitious goals. During Alexis' time as CEO, she has made extraordinary contributions to Habitat Greater Ottawa, including:

- Shifted the organization from a builder of single-family homes to a developer of communities
- Increased the number of families we serve from two families to eight families per year
- Established significant government funding relationships, including a surplus federal land acquisition valued at \$870K for our current build, Titus Landing at Wateridge Village
- Partnered with Tungassuvingat Inuit, an Inuit-specific urban service provider that offers community support for all ages, to launch Habitat Greater Ottawa's Youth Indigenous Build Program
- Expanded the Habitat Greater Ottawa territory and collaborated with Algonquin College to build a home in Perth
- Managed our staff team during the pandemic and supported the team through various transitions including implementing work from home policies and an office move
- Saw nine families housed during the pandemic and established a partnership with Habitat Thousand Islands to collaborate on a 15-unit development in North Grenville

Alexis has led Habitat for Humanity affiliates for eleven years in Ottawa and Halifax and participated in Global Village builds in El Salvador and Ethiopia. Alexis shared: "Habitat will always hold a special place in my heart. We have a strong and passionate staff team at Habitat, people who love the organization and believe in the mission as much as I do. I am forever grateful to them for keeping me inspired all these years, particularly in the past 14 months. Habitat is in good hands and the organization is well-positioned to help more and more families on the path to homeownership in the coming years."

The Habitat Greater Ottawa Board of Directors has named a committee to conduct a comprehensive search for the next Chief Executive Officer to be carried out over the coming months. The job posting can be found [here](#). We ask our supporters to help identify any qualified individuals for this position.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alexis for her outstanding dedication and leadership of the organization," said Gavin Liddy, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Alexis is a true visionary and leaves Habitat Greater Ottawa in a very strong position to continue to grow the number of homes we build and families we serve. Please join us in thanking Alexis for her contributions and in wishing her success in her future endeavours."

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## **About Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa**

With the help of local Habitat families, donors, community partners and volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa builds affordable homes that provide a solid foundation for local families in which to thrive.

Habitat Greater Ottawa's homeownership program offers more than just housing; it sets families up to be successful homeowners who are invested in their homes and in their community. The benefits of owning a long-term stable Habitat home are many. They include reduced reliance on social housing and food banks, better educational, financial and employment outcomes and improved health and overall wellbeing for families.

With over 55,000 Ottawa households living on low income the need for affordable housing is only growing. Over the past three years, Habitat Greater Ottawa has transitioned from a builder of single-family homes to a developer of communities. By increasing the number of homes we build we can provide more families to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.

Habitat Greater Ottawa does not provide free homes — the families who partner with us invest directly in their home's equity and commit volunteer hours to our organization. Families purchase their home at fair market value with no down payment and pay an affordable mortgage. Families who partner with Habitat Greater Ottawa understand that a home is a long-term commitment and an investment.

## **About Habitat for Humanity ReStores**

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are home and building supply stores that accept and resell quality new and gently used building materials as well as furniture, appliances, home accessories, and much more, to the public. Shopping at a Habitat ReStore is a socially conscious decision, as the money generated is used to fund local Habitat for Humanity homebuilding projects and operations. It's also an environmentally friendly decision, as much of what is sold is product that is new, gently used or customer returns that might otherwise end up in a landfill.

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