

meet our Habitat Greater Ottawa volunteers!

Cheryl

Team Captain for The Body Builders Women Build Team



Several years ago, I had the privilege of being the Real Estate Broker for Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa when they were trying to find a new head office and a second location for their ReStore. That's when I first learned about the wonderful work Habitat Greater Ottawa does in the community and for local families in need of safe, decent and affordable housing. I wanted to find a way to give back to the organization, so I decided to volunteer.

For three years, I've participated in Habitat Greater Ottawa's Women Build (2015, 2016 and 2019). As the Team Captain for The Body Builders team, I helped gather a group of 10 women, and we raised funds and awareness in the community. I'm proud to say that through our efforts, we were the top fundraising team for the 2019 Women Build!

It is always a great experience on the Habitat build site. For each build, we were required to work on different parts of the homes. For each development, we worked on a different stage of construction, so we learned something new each build. One time we erected a wall, another time we helped finish the basement and last year we were working on the foundation at the start of Phase III of Leacross Landing. I can say after three years of this, I'm getting much more comfortable putting on my hard hat and steel-toed boots and getting to work on the build site!



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The best part of volunteering with Habitat Greater Ottawa is bringing together a group of like-minded women to raise funds and support for Habitat families. To work as a team on the build site and to see what we collectively accomplished at the end of the day is very gratifying. Seeing the final outcome of the homes and the

families receiving the keys and officially becoming homeowners is very emotional. It's rewarding to know that in some small way, we made a difference.