

meet our Habitat Greater Ottawa volunteers!

Felipe

ReStore Volunteer



I am a brand new addition to the Habitat Greater Ottawa family! In January 2020, I started volunteering at the Iber ReStore in Stittsville. My day-to-day role usually includes receiving and testing donations, as well as general organizing. I enjoy volunteering at the ReStore on weekends when it is the liveliest, and the staff and other volunteers are so great to work with.

My first exposure to Habitat was seven years ago. The company I was working with gathered a team, and we went to the Habitat build site for the day. It was my first experience on a construction site. I was nervous, but it was a great experience! I learned a lot that day, and it was rewarding to build a house from the ground up with my colleagues and other community volunteers. It felt good to know we were helping a local family. When I first started thinking about giving my time and volunteering, I thought of Habitat!

I'm proud to play my part in an organization that has such a positive impact in the community. I enjoy being part of such a close-knit community of volunteers who give their time to this worthwhile cause. Volunteering with Habitat is also helping me personally. I am new to the country, so having interactions with the volunteers and staff is helping me to learn my technical English.

Habitat Greater Ottawa was so welcoming to me when I first started volunteering in January. The ReStore staff are always open to hearing new ideas and projects. Right now, we are unable to volunteer at the ReStore because of COVID-19. I miss the other volunteers and staff, but I'm excited to go back soon to continue volunteering with Habitat!