

## meet our Habitat Greater Ottawa volunteers!

Linda and Jacques

Site Liaison and Crew Lead Volunteers



They say if you love what you do, it doesn't feel like work. That's how we feel about Habitat! For the last six years, we've had the privilege of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa. Jacques and I strongly believe in the organization's mission of bringing communities together to help local families through affordable

homeownership.

I'm a Site Liaison, and Jacques is a Build Crew Lead. We both also enjoy volunteering at the Ottawa Home Shows representing the Habitat ReStore. Our mornings start off early as we get to the build site before 7am for a briefing of the day's plans. We then prepare the site for our Team Build Day or Community Volunteer groups. Tools, necessary equipment and materials as well as safety gear are gathered. When the volunteers arrive, the Director of Construction does an important safety briefing. Then the tasks are assigned, and the staff and volunteers are off to build for the day!



As Crew Lead, Jacques supports the construction staff and leads volunteers through their assigned tasks. As a Site Liaison, I keep the build site office organized and ensure safety on-site at all times. At the end of the day, tools and materials are cleaned and returned, all ready for a new group of volunteers the following day.



When sharing this build experience with others, you get close. We love the social aspect of the job and are very close with the staff, regular volunteers and Habitat families. Every day we both learn something new from either the build team or the future homeowners.

We're so honoured to play our part in building quality, affordable homes for local families. Our favourite moment of the whole build is the Key Ceremony. It is so touching and memorable to see the families receive the keys to their new homes. We've been a part of several

key ceremonies throughout the years, and it never gets old!

Every day, it is a pleasure to work with the staff and volunteers of this worthwhile organization. We are always proud to share the experiences we have had with Habitat with the community.