

# national volunteer week 2022

## Meet Wendy: Board of Directors



"I've been volunteering with Habitat Greater Ottawa for the last three years. I am on the Board of Directors and serve as Treasurer, chairing the Finance Committee. As a committee, we've had to keep a close eye on the organization's financial position due to Covid-19. It has been a challenging time and a lot of work to ensure we will come out the other end of this as a strong organization and one that is positioned to build more affordable housing for our community.

We have a terrific Finance Committee – one that includes a number of long-term volunteers and

former members of our Board. We worked closely together with Habitat management to address revenue shortfalls (when our Restores closed and fundraising stopped) while keeping construction moving forward to honor our commitment to building these homes, all without our volunteer builders on site.

Growing up, I realized the importance of having a safe place to call home. I can also see the impact that Habitat has on the entire trajectory and history of a family, by providing a much needed 'hand up'. Although I can swing a hammer, what I can really offer in support of our community is my financial and management expertise. We all come from different walks of life.

*Empathy in Action* means bringing your unique energy and skills to support an organization such as Habitat Greater Ottawa, which has such a positive impact on our community."