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## Tereza

Tereza has been dreaming about becoming a homeowner for years. The single parent, who works full-time as an early childhood educator, is devoted to creating a better future for her three children.

Her oldest, Kennedy, is 18 and she's in her second year at Algonquin College. Twelve-year-old Emma is active in drama and seven-year-old Chayse is enjoying Grade 1.

The family lives in a cooperative housing rental unit that is too small to meet their needs and there isn't any outdoor space for the younger children. Tereza currently volunteers as the secretary of her local Tenant Association to help make a difference in her community. She has organized a number of initiatives to create a positive family atmosphere at the co-op, such as a fall leave clean-up day and a children's Halloween party.

Tereza is working hard to complete the 350 hours of volunteer service required for single parents as part of Habitat GO's Homeownership Program. She says that she is happy that their new Habitat home will be in a good environment for her children and she looks forward to becoming part of their new neighbourhood in Orleans.

"Being a single mother is not easy, but finally all of my hard work has paid off," says Tereza. "Now we will have a home to create memories in and a place my children can look back in 20 years and say, 'That's the home we grew up in.'"

