

every donation helps a hard-working family become a NEW Habitat homeowner



In April 2024, Don and Angie received the news that every tenant dreads. After living in their rental for 10 years, they were informed by their landlord they must find another place to call home.

Over 30 percent of the population are renters with little to no security in knowing their circumstances could change without notice. To compound this, unaffordable housing rates among renters are over twice as high as the rates amongst homeowners living in Grey and Bruce Counties. Don and Angie had four months to find a new home.



Don, Angie, and their children Lukas and Aubree on the day they took possession of their new home.

To say they were feeling overwhelmed would be an understatement. Don was entering his busy season at work, their eldest was entering high school, their youngest starting school for the first time in September and now the family was consumed with finding a new place to call home.

Homeownership rates have fallen in both Grey and Bruce Counties since 2006 - Statistics Canada

The family learned of Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce's call out for Expression of Interest submissions through a social media post. They completed their application and anxiously awaited the news.

It was all worth it when they received the call that they had been selected. Don and Angie were going to be new Habitat Homeowners!

"I basically broke down," -Angie's reaction to hearing the news they were selected.

THE TIMING WAS PERFECT...

The family was offered to take possession of their new home August 29, 2024 - 48 hours before the lease ended on their rental.

"I remember Greg (Fryer, Executive Director of Habitat Grey Bruce), sharing the news with me that the Board had selected this family... I welled up the moment he told me it was Don and Angie because I knew this opportunity would have a profound impact on their family and offer them the stability they needed."
-Rachelle MacKenzie, Business Manager, Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce - Family Selection

The family's partnership with Habitat has changed their day-to-day forever. Both Don and Angie stated their new home has greatly reduced the stress in their life. The couple plans to continue this philanthropic work in the future helping other future homeowners like themselves achieve affordable homeownership.



"Being part of the process was a lot of fun," -Angie

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES LIKE DON AND ANGIE'S THRIVE AND BUILD STABILITY

Don and Angie still can't believe this dream come true for their family. The location of their new Habitat home allows Angie to be home to support their oldest son, Lukas, who lives with Autism. Due to their close proximity to the school, Angie can safely get Lukas on and off the bus each day and still have time to walk with Aubree to and from school.

When asked how they felt receiving the keys to their new home, Angie summed it up with one word:

“ecstatic... (there is) peace of mind, knowing it’s ours.” Angie shared she wants people to know *“just how much of a blessing it has been,”* to engage with the process.



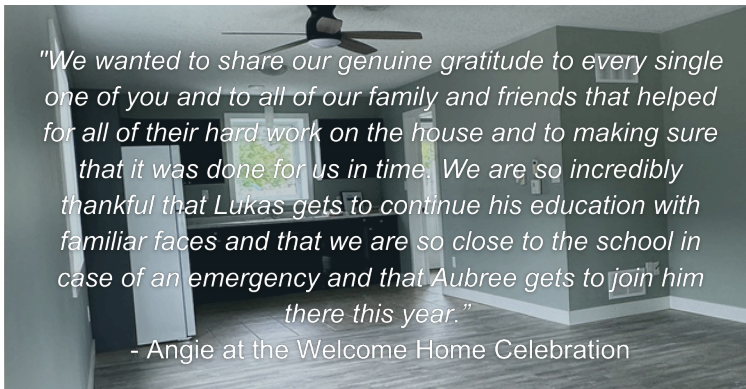
Aubree, age 4 cuts the ribbon with the help of her mom, Angie to welcome the family to their new home.

Don and Angie’s home was constructed by Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce in 2009, and purchased back earlier this year from the original owners who had successfully graduated from Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce’s affordable homeownership program.

Habitat can choose to purchase back a home they’ve built when a homeowner wishes to sell before their 20 year mortgage term ends. This has been the case with 4 Habitat homes this year, 3 homes in Hanover and Don and Angie’s home in Wiarton.

“Exercising the first right of refusal in a buyback opportunity supports Habitat homes remaining attainable and affordable for the long-term across Grey and Bruce Counties.”

-Greg Fryer, Executive Director



“We wanted to share our genuine gratitude to every single one of you and to all of our family and friends that helped for all of their hard work on the house and to making sure that it was done for us in time. We are so incredibly thankful that Lukas gets to continue his education with familiar faces and that we are so close to the school in case of an emergency and that Aubree gets to join him there this year.”

- Angie at the Welcome Home Celebration

YOU can be part of the solution to the local housing crisis, help children like Lukas and Aubree with a donation to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce today!



BECOME A MONTHLY HOPE BUILDER

Help Habitat continue to create affordable housing options that our community deserves and can afford.

Give the gift of HOME this holiday season to a local hard-working family

Nails

\$25

Light Fixture


\$50

Flooring

\$100

Paint

\$200

Door

\$500



YOUR KINDNESS CAN TRANSFORM LIVES

Don and Angie’s story is one of strength, perseverance, and most evidently, success. There are many deserving families your donation can help. Families in our very own community like Don and Angie’s who would benefit if more affordable housing was available.

Your generous donation to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce, will **BUILD** a future with more affordable housing options for hard-working families.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your donation to Habitat Grey Bruce keeps giving as families pay their Habitat mortgage each month!

Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce is a non-profit home builder. We **BUILD** houses in partnership with families, businesses and organizations who help us with volunteers, building materials or cash donations. We partner with individuals who resonate with our vision *“A world where everyone has a decent place to live.”*

Selected Habitat homeowners **BUY** the homes we build at fair market value and finance the purchase with a zero-down payment, no-interest mortgage, enabling Habitat to build more homes as those mortgage payments return to Habitat.

Our three ReStores (our social enterprise) cover overhead costs, so when a donation is made to Habitat - 100% of that donation goes directly into building homes. Every donation continually supports our mission as we **REINVEST** mortgage payments to help fund future **BUILDS** - a true gift that keeps on giving.

Habitat's Revolving Fund for Humanity



YOU can help deliver Habitat for Humanity’s vision with your donation

“A world where everyone has a decent place to live.”

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IT’S AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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