

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rita Richer, and I wanted to share my experience with Habitat for Humanity Sudbury District.

Being a single parent of three, (one of whom has special needs) I found myself struggling in doing my best to provide a decent home for us. I returned to school, graduated with honours subsequently obtained a full-time job.

While I was in school trying to better myself I heard about Habitat for Humanity and their dedication to eliminating Poverty Housing for local families. Curious I researched information on the organization, intrigue with their concept of offering a hand up to families in need by introducing Pride of Ownership. I applied 3 consecutive years praying to be chosen to receive a helping hand for a brighter future for my children,

Three years later we were blessed with a phone call stating my family was a candidate for the next build in 2007. Since the build of our new home our lives have changed dramatically. Owning a home facilitates the process of raising my children, especially with my special need son. Habitat for Humanity Sudbury District went beyond their means and built this home wheelchair accessible in and out to accommodate my son's needs which makes it easier to cope with everyday challenges.

In the process of the construction of my home I had the honour to meet so many wonderful people – in the community that I was leaving, in the community I was entering and all the communities in between. My Family has been fortunate to cross paths with so many people that gave from their hearts as well as their time and donation to provide for “Our Home”.

Habitat for Humanity does not give a house away; we have to work at it with family, friends, volunteers and new neighbours. Many donations of all kinds came from local business, the general public and corporate organizations as well as sponsorships. Without these gifts I would not have my house to provide for my family, being a single mom this home is a security blanket for a healthy future for my children and me. Thank you HFHS and everyone involved from the bottom of our hearts.

**Thank you,
Rita Richer and family**