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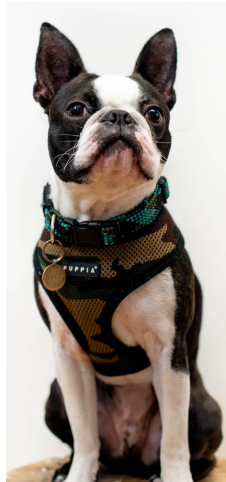
The official newsletter of Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island

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Meet Brew, the Admin Office Dog

If you've been to our Administration Office in Nanaimo, you may have encountered our office dog, Brew. He is a one year old Boston Terrier. Brew happily spends his work days sleeping in front of his favourite sunny window, and greeting visitors to the office.



Hello, Spring!

Spring is a time of change, growth, and renewal. Here at Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island, we have seen a great deal of change over the past few months. We've said goodbye to staff members as they move on to new adventures, and we've welcomed new staff as well, who will undoubtedly invigorate our organization with fresh ideas. Our 6-plex build has moved from the shell of a building to - as it nears completion - a beautiful, safe, comfortable place for our newest Habitat homeowners to call home. We are also in the process of expanding the Nanaimo ReStore, and look forward to getting the new space ready.

Although the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic are still ongoing, we look forward to the promising months ahead while continuing to keep our ReStores as safe as possible for our customers, staff, and volunteers.

New Faces

Back in the fall, we welcomed Krista to our team as our new Duncan ReStore manager. She has recently relocated back to the Island after living in Alberta and working as a retail manager there. In a few short months since starting with us in October, she has already put many new systems in place at the ReStore and has been building relationships with the customers and the community. We are thrilled to have her on our team! Be sure to check out the Duncan ReStore if you haven't lately. Krista has given it a whole new look and we have lots of new products arriving daily!



6-plex Build is Nearing Completion

Our 6-plex in Duncan has made great progress over the past few months. When COVID-19 restrictions allowed for it, the six families who are soon-to-be Habitat homeowners have been able to help out on the build site. They are able to contribute to their 500 volunteer hours requirement while seeing their own future homes take shape in the process. We anticipate the completion of the build in May, and look forward to moving these six deserving families into their new homes just in time for summer!



Donor Spotlight



We would like to extend a special thank you to McPherson Cabinetry for their generous gift to our build and for their ongoing support!

National Volunteer Week

April 18-24, 2021

Throughout the last year, our organization, like many others, has been deeply challenged by COVID-19. Our volunteers have stuck with us throughout the unknowns and constant changes brought on by the pandemic. We are always grateful for their ongoing enthusiasm and support, but over the past year especially their dedication has been strongly felt by the staff at Habitat and the families we serve.

April 18-24, 2021 is Volunteer Canada National Volunteer Week. We would like to use this week as another opportunity to express a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers!



Volunteer With Us!

Are you looking for something to do during the pandemic? Looking to make an impact in your community? We are always looking for new volunteers to join us at the Nanaimo and Duncan ReStores. There are many different roles available - we will work with you to find something for you based on your skills and interests.

Applying is simple. Visit <https://www.habitatmvi.org/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/> and click "Volunteer with us" to fill out an application. We will contact you to set up an orientation, and from there you can start volunteering!

FAQ

Q: How many hours do I need to commit to volunteering?

A: We ask that volunteers commit to 40 hours per year and a minimum of 2 hours per shift, but otherwise, the schedule is very flexible.

Q: Can I volunteer on the build site?

A: Due to COVID, we currently do not have any volunteer opportunities available at the build site. However, you can submit an application and we will keep it on file for future projects.



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