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## Lending a hand to Habitat for Humanity Canada: Siemens employees donate 1,600 volunteer hours

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Employees assisted at ten builds in nine cities across Canada

Since 2012 Siemens has donated \$300k and 5,600 volunteer hours by 700 employees

Siemens employees proved their dedication to supporting local communities this fall as approximately 200 Siemens colleagues displayed their remarkable energy and expertise, volunteering their time to spend a full day with Habitat for Humanity building homes for low-income Canadian families. Ten builds took place in nine cities across the country; Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Vancouver, Hamilton, Ottawa, Peterborough, Brampton and Woodstock.

The corporate volunteering program, implemented in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Canada, allows Siemens employees to take time off work for community service. This year 200 Siemens employees contributed 1,600 volunteering hours and Siemens Canada also made a corporate cash donation of \$70,000. The funds and hard work of volunteers directly supported the construction projects of Habitat for Humanity Canada's local affiliates nationwide.



In Hamilton, Ontario, six Siemens teams helped build a house for a family of eight including two handicapped teenaged children. The house was specifically designed to be fully wheelchair accessible and meet the special needs of the family members. The family has been living in a two-bedroom apartment for the last few years struggling daily with the lack of decent living conditions. The family was selected by Habitat for Humanity based on a strict set of criteria such as housing need, ability to pay their interest-free mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat. The family has been living in Hamilton for more than two years and has contributed more than 500 hours of work to constructing their future home. Once complete, they will move into their new, accessible home and pay an affordable mortgage based on the family's income. By owning their own home, families are able to achieve greater stability and health, while building equity and breaking the cycle of poverty.

At Siemens, employees take pride in giving back to local communities by participating in the volunteering program. Since 2012, 700 employees have dedicated 5,600 volunteer hours along with a corporate donation of \$300,000 to Habitat for Humanity.

### QUOTES:

"Our volunteering program with Habitat for Humanity gives us an opportunity to accomplish a great deal as a team and work together to give back to the local community. This year I was able to join a group of Siemens volunteers at a build in Calgary and saw that we made a true difference. Across Canada we had a hand in giving people a decent place to live and raise their families as well as helping revive neighbourhoods."

**Robert Hardt, President and CEO, Siemens Canada Limited**

"Siemens, is a wonderful supporter of Habitat for Humanity across the country. It is the power of volunteerism that generates the energy behind every construction project, and we are thankful for their support in helping to address the affordable housing crisis in Canada. Recent statistics confirm that the families who live in safe and decent living conditions are more successful – children improve their school grades and adults are more motivated to look for better job opportunities."

**Mark Rodgers, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity Canada**

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**About Habitat for Humanity Canada**

Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity Canada is a national, non-profit organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. With the help of over 63,000 volunteers every year and 56 affiliate organizations from coast to coast, their mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to break the cycle of poverty in Canada and around the world. For more information, please visit [www.habitat.ca](http://www.habitat.ca).