

TREB: Toronto Real Estate Board contributes \$150,000 to Habitat for Humanity

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On Thursday, August 4, Toronto Real Estate Board President-Elect Tim Syrianos gave a speech at the ground-breaking of Habitat for Humanity GTA's latest build site, 140 Pinery Trail. This location represents Habitat for Humanity GTA's largest home build project ever, and is the beginning of a journey toward a brighter future for 50 Habitat families.

Since 1999, TREB has partnered on build projects with Habitat and TREB is proud to contribute \$150,000 to this latest Habitat project through our participation in the 2016 Ontario Realtors Care Foundation Every Realtor Campaign. TREB's donation will help one family realize their dream of home ownership.

The Kabir-Akter family, headed by Humayunn and Bilkis, currently live in a one-bedroom apartment with their two children Humayura (12) and Farhan (6). Despite working two jobs to provide for his family, Humayunn never thought owning a home in Canada would be a reality. "Habitat is giving us an amazing opportunity to own our own house for the rest of our lives," said Humayunn.

With the safety and stability their new home will bring, many of them plan to pursue further education, with Bilkis aspiring to go to school as the kids grow older and both children planning to attend university in the future. The Kabir-Akter family also plan to introduce themselves to the other Habitat partner families once they've settled in.

At Thursday's event, Mr. Syrianos noted the importance of home ownership saying, "owning a home is a key determinant of economic and social well-being. Having a stable and secure roof over your head allows you to focus on other things such as your family, your career, and your community. That is why TREB is proud to support the incredible work done by Habitat."

The President-Elect also noted that our Member realtors know the value of hard work, and that's why TREB Members will participate in several build days at the 140 Pinery Trail site this fall.

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For nine consecutive years, TREB Members have voted to participate in the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation Every Realtor Campaign by donating \$1 per Member per month. The Every Realtor Campaign helps to build a better Greater Toronto Area and has had amazing results for our communities.

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