

# Habitat for Humanity build began Saturday in Rockwood

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After much preparation, the Lizzotte and Paton families of Wellington County saw construction begin on their new homes.

The two partner families took part in a Blessing of the Foundations ceremony held to kick off Habitat for Humanity Wellington County's latest build, a project to construct two semi-detached homes on Inkerman Street in Rockwood.

The build will provide homes for Robyn Lizzotte and her children Tyler, 7, and 4-year-old Paige as well as Sheila Paton and her daughters, 3-year-old Mackenzie and Alexa, 16 months.

Both the Lizzottes and Patons live outside the Rockwood area, but they're looking forward to becoming part of the community. And Lizzotte says she's excited about the prospect of helping out with the construction. She says this will give her the opportunity to learn about housing construction from the ground up.

Over the summer, volunteers will build the two homes on land adjacent to the Habitat homes built in 2001.

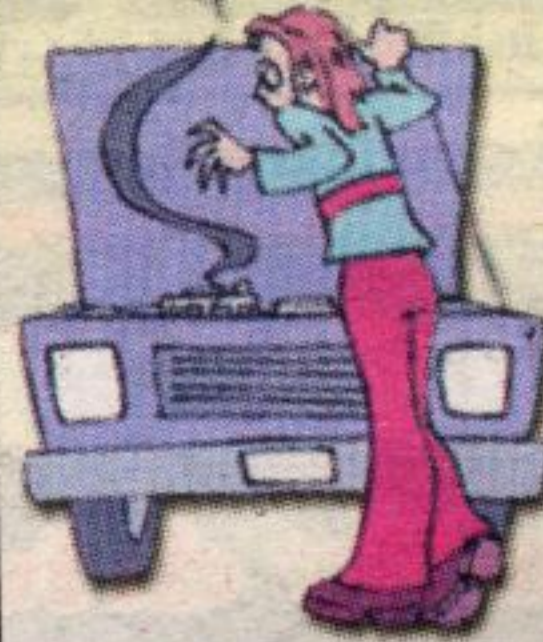
The two-storey homes will be approximately 1,100 square feet and they'll include a walk-out basement, three bedrooms, a bathroom as well as a dining and living room area.

Clare Irwin, co-chair of Habitat for Humanity Wellington County's public relations committee, says volunteers are still needed for the build, especially trades people and anyone with construction experience. Volunteer application forms are available at Habitat's website [www.habitatwellington.on.ca](http://www.habitatwellington.on.ca) or by sending a written request to [admin@habitatwellington.on.ca](mailto:admin@habitatwellington.on.ca). The phone number is 519-767-9752. The forms can also be picked up at Habitat's ReStore located at 45 Dawson Road in Guelph or at the Guelph Public Library.



The Lizzottes (on the left) include mom Robyn and her son Tyler and daughter Paige and the Patons on the right include mom Sheila and her daughters 3-year-old Mackenzie and Alexa. They were joined at the event by (from left to right) Richard Charity, president of Habitat for Humanity Wellington County, Wellington-Halton Hills MP Mike Chong (he's holding his son William), Guelph-Wellington MPP Liz Sandals, Ward 3 Guelph/Eramosa Councillor Teresa Gibson, Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Clint Martin and Walter Swanston of the Rockwood and District Lions Club.

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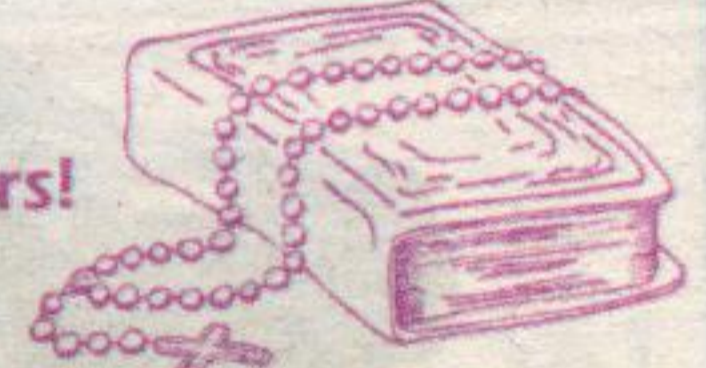
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