

Milton house the 'most beautiful' of Habitat for Humanity builds — so far

for your time and commitment spent to build a dream and be a part of it," she said, referring to the 500 volunteer hours each family is asked to contribute to the build.

"You've changed our lives forever and every one of you are a blessing."

She said the home will be a stable place to come to every day, and that is what they need.

"This home means a lot to us and we will cherish this day forever and we can finally say we have a place to call our home."

In addition to the families, representatives of the two major sponsors of the home — Whirlpool and Gordon Food Services — also spoke about the honour

of being part of the Habitat for Humanity build. Both companies donated significant funds, appliances (Whirlpool) and volunteer man-hours to construct the home.

Habitat's CEO John Gerrard touched on the fact that the Milton build is one of the longest to reach its destination. Shovels first broke ground almost two years ago, but it took

some time to get permits to begin construction on Habitat's second project in town.

"We've been waiting a long time for this and we appreciate your patience," he told the families.

He said some of the figures surrounding the build are: 19,000 cups of coffee, 11,472 nails, 893 volunteers and 415 physical construction days. Meanwhile, chair of the board, Hugh Hyndman said the day was a celebratory one.

"Today we celebrate the fruits of our labour," This is the most beautiful house we've build so far."

He explained that both families are provided with a no-interest, no-profit mortgage to help promote home ownership and break the cycle of poverty. Another 25 builds are planned for 2017 and 20 are set to be constructed this year.

"We will be the largest developer of non-profit housing in the Region," said Hyndman.

Following speeches, the 100 or so guests had a chance to tour the semi-detached units that will be occupied by June 1.

By the numbers

The Milton Habitat for Humanity house on Bronte Street took two years to complete. Over the course of 24 months, there were:

19,000
cups of coffee served

11,472
nails used

893
volunteers

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