



# Six Nation's Earthship construction has launched

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ship, some of them with their \$1,000 tuition paid by the Haudenosaunee Development Institute.

The enrollment in the Earthship program will give them a two week crash course in earth ship building, a certificate at the end and the ability to continue to access Earthship information and help in building Earthships here.

Tyler Sandy is one of the volunteers learning the techniques so he can build his own home.

"I have a family and I want to build a home for us, but one that is like this so I asked the HDI if they would sponsor me," he said.

Hazel E. Hill, HDI executive director said they saw the opportunity in learning new techniques to build homes.

"Yes, we sponsored Tyler Sandy. He was anxious to learn how to build one," said Hill.

"We saw this as a really good opportunity for our people to learn new techniques to help us create housing for more of our people in ways that are more earth friendly and this uses recyclable materials."

She said "it's creating a home for a family. It's the way, we believe, of the future."



**A sample Earthship similar to what Fran's will look like with south facing wall of windows to allow for food growth inside**

Workers are camping out on her property and her sister's property next door for the next two weeks.

She cried as she thanked workers for all their help.

"It's amazing," she said.

"I want to thank the Confederacy chiefs for their support," she said.

She said she met with some of the chiefs at the Haudenosaunee Resource Centre last week to explain what she was doing and they supported the idea. "They thought it was a great idea," she said. "I can't thank them enough."

Especially after the build almost didn't happen when Six Nations Elected Council voted last week not to sign a letter inviting the international workers here, fearing they could be held liable for anything that might happen as a result of their presence

on the territory.

The letter of support was meant to help workers clear customs but all the workers made it into Canada and at her property Monday to start work safely, said Doxtador.

She said she was disappointed but not surprised that some elected councillors did not want to support the workers.

She sees it as jealousy, she says.

"It's because they won't be the ones getting the pat on the back when this is all done and finished," she said.

Doxtador is disappointed in band council's housing program after sitting on the waiting list for a new home for 20 years.

She was one of a third of 12,000 on-reserve Six Nations residents sitting on the waiting list for a new home.

The new build solves that



**Plastic bottles are being recycled, cut and put back together to form bottle bricks to go in between concrete bringing light into the house.**

problem.

She presented the owner of Earthship Biotecture – Michael Reynolds – with an eagle feather Monday morning as her way of saying thanks.

"That's all I had to give," she

said.

But the gift came from a place of love, and, she says, "That's what's important."

Fran extended a welcome to community members who wanted to drop by the construction over the next two

weeks during daytime hours to learn about Earthships.

"This is what we should be building at Kanohstaton," she said.

"Can't you see it. A whole community of these," she said.

