



The first ever Habitat Hong Kong Family FUNdraiser!

Working from home, wearing fluffy bed-socks and cosy jumpers to keep warm, I am acutely aware of the privileges I have. I joke with the Habitat team about the electric foot warmer I have under my desk because my house is 'freezing'. But for so many, keeping warm in their home is no laughing matter. Every day, I think about the families we serve who are at home without windows, let alone a heater they can afford to plug in. Every day, I think about how we can continue to increase our impact and address the systemic issues that lead to substandard housing. Every day, I think about how we can raise more awareness of these issues and invite more people to join the Habitat family as life-long advocates for the cause of decent and affordable housing.

We continue to serve vulnerable families as best we can during these challenging times and as the Habitat team put up our 'fai chun' and get ready for Chinese New Year, special gift bags are making their way to the homes of vulnerable elderly families living in substandard housing.

To continue to deliver our impactful programmes, we need your continued support and the Habitat team and our fantastic volunteers, are working hard on our first ever online Family FUNdraiser! Yes! We want to put the fun into fundraising and invite you AND your families to join us for a virtual interactive and family-friendly event on Thursday, 18 February from 1pm-2pm.

The Habitat family invites you and your family to celebrate Chinese New Year together, from the safety of your own home.

Registration is free and you will automatically be entered into our lucky prize draw for a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Click [here](#) to reserve your ticket and take a look at our amazing selection of silent auction items. We are adding items all the time so keep checking back!

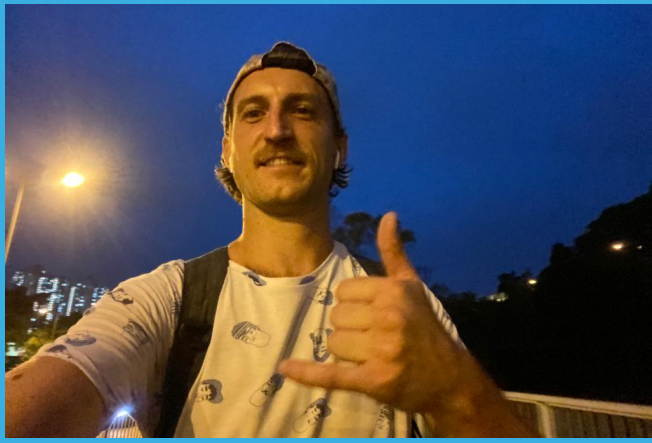
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Register NOW for the first ever Habitat Hong Kong Family FUNdraiser! I can't wait to see you there.

Stay safe and stay warm and why not, like the fantastic Jack you'll read about below, make today the day you tell someone why you care about the cause of decent and affordable housing.

Thank you,
Jo Hayes
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong

[Register NOW](#)



Walk the walk, don't talk the talk

"I am raising money for Habitat for Humanity which is a fantastic charity with the change that they bring to so many lives to people from all different backgrounds, is fantastic. This challenge is taking me to many new heights and corners of Hong Kong, and many of these paths take me through the communities that really need this support. I hope that my videos can put a smile on some of their faces as they watch me climb, sweat and struggle my way across the city."

- Jack / Volunteer

[How you can support Jack](#)



Our response to the CE Policy Address

Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong welcomes the positive steps the HKSAR Government is taking to increase the housing supply and to make housing more affordable and accessible across the housing ladder, but especially for people in low-income communities. In our response to the November 2020 Public Policy Address, we highlighted the following topics where we believe our proposals have been considered and/or where we would recommend further action be taken:

Increase in Public Rental Housing Units
Transitional Housing
Substandard Housing Conditions in SDUs

[Full article](#)



Our global impact

"Whenever it rained, we had to find a place inside our home without water leaks. It was a challenging period in my life. I am delighted to see my dream turn into reality."

Like Lory, over 800 women have been empowered to start improving their homes through Habitat housing construction and improvement loans, paving the way for stronger houses and healthier homes!

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♥ Thank You ♥

A huge thank you to our Family FUNdraiser sponsors including Bloomberg L.P., Jules, Baby! Photography and TREE. We have received and continue to receive some amazing items for our silent auction and lucky draw. If you would like to become a sponsor or donate a prize for our silent auction, please contact:

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Housing in the news

In Hong Kong

- In 'Coffin Homes' and 'Cages,' Hong Kong Lockdown Exposes Inequality ([The New York Times](#))
- Hong Kong fourth wave: coronavirus infections in old buildings, subdivided flats – is a new approach needed? ([SCMP](#))
- The struggle faced by Hong Kong's disadvantaged youth while learning online during Covid-19 ([SCMP](#))
- Hong Kong should reintroduce rent controls for subdivided flats, says task force, with some members wanting to limit what landlords can charge ([SCMP](#))

In Asia

- Singapore: Why these defiant 'nail house' owners refuse to sell ([BBC](#))

Around the world

- UN75: The Future We Want, The UN We Need ([United Nations](#))
- Why Housing Matters for Upward Mobility: Evidence and Indicators for Practitioners and Policymakers ([Urban Institute](#))

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