



A lot to be thankful for

I have a lot to feel thankful for this month. I'm so proud of my team for winning a design award from [The Hong Kong Management Association](#) for our annual report: <https://lnkd.in/gBbQraVb>

Why is an annual report important for an NGO?

According to the [The Hong Kong Council of Social Service \(HKCSS\)](#) [香港社會服務聯會 \(社聯\)](#) an annual report is an effective accountability and communication tool to inform all stakeholders about our compliance, it documents what we are doing towards our mission and vision, it provides transparency on our financial management and it is a helpful tool to build trust. All the above is indeed so important. What I also love about our annual reports is being able to share some of the impact stories of the people we are serving through our local home improvements programmes in Hong Kong and the families we are supporting in the region who have lost their homes through natural disasters. There is a lot more we do towards our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, so please do read the report to find out!

We are increasingly involved in encouraging conversations about the need for funding operational costs and administration. This is a great example of how we carefully steward our funds and why we need professionals in the non-profit sector. Our annual reports are compiled by talented members of our team and we use a NGO account in [Canva](#) to produce the report. As proud members of the [Business Environment Council](#) we also made the decision to only produce a digital version of our latest report.

As well as winning a design award, my team was nominated for the Community Spirit Fundraiser of the Year award by SparkRaise. The awards ceremony was a rare opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing fundraisers and fundraising teams in the non-profit sector who tirelessly connect people to purpose in the pursuit of social impact.

Thank you to [Jonnet Kudera](#), [Yeone Fok](#) and [SparkRaise](#) for inviting me to speak at what was a brilliant event - full of warmth, solidarity and celebrations. Thank you to fellow panellists [Amy Chang](#) [Lehui Liang](#) and moderator extraordinaire [Nadia Rangira](#) for the timely conversation about the S in ESG, the private sector and in particular the founding members of our recently launched Corporate Membership programme, Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd. (TTI), Hilti Asia and JLL, who are rising to the challenge of some of the big societal issues and the ever emerging conversation about unrestricted funding and the value of professional people in the non-profit sector. The room was FULL of changemakers, and our communities need these people.

Last but by no means least, I'm immensely thankful for the dedicated support of all our volunteers, donors, and partners. With your help, we can work towards of our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Thank you!

Jo Hayes
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong



Voices of Volunteers

37 volunteers joined our Project School Works programme and spent the Saturday painting a beautiful mural. The students were so excited to paint with the volunteers and they had a great time together.

One of the volunteers, Michelle shared her experience, "I am so thrilled that I get to paint with students today! It really reminded me of the times when I was at school. I am happy to see so many volunteers coming together and contributing to the community. I wish I could see the students' reaction of the mural when they come back to school next week!"

We would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers, American Club, our volunteer designer and the principal and teachers at Yuen Long Long Ping Estate Wai Chow School. If you are interested in learning more about our programmes, please contact partnerships@habitat.org.hk for more information.



Our local impact

20 volunteers from QBE Hong Kong joined our Project Home Works programme. They helped renovate 3 flats in Kwai Chung for the elderly. The volunteers had a great time renovating and learning more about the living conditions of elderly living in public housing. The volunteers were passionate and happy to help which instantly made an improvement and made the living environment brighter and cleaner!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for participating and making it a meaningful day! Become a monthly donor now and help us to support more families and to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Become a volunteer now!

Become a monthly donor



Our global impact

After a three-year hiatus, Habitat for Humanity and hosts Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood will welcome hundreds of volunteers, staff and community members to Charlotte next fall. President and Mrs. Carter are enjoying their retirement in Plains, Georgia, and will not attend the 2023 project. Together, we will uphold their enduring legacy.

"Rosalynn and I are pleased to hear that Habitat for Humanity will continue the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project building homes and hope in partnership with Charlotte families next year," said President Carter. "Though we will not attend the 2023 project, we are grateful that our dear friends Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood have picked up the hammer and agreed to host the event in our place."

Read the full press release



Together, we build a better future

The Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong offsite 2022 was a HUGE success! Postponed twice due to COVID and a typhoon - we were absolutely thrilled (and very determined!) to get all our staff, committee members and Board Directors together to reflect on our work and think about how we can scale our impact in the future. The day was packed with discussions and reflections on how to address some of the systemic barriers in the housing system.

We would like to thank Asian Charity Services and The Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation The University of Chicago Booth School of Business for the capacity building strategy workshops we have had the fortune to participate in. So many learnings from these workshops from our past, are helping us to shape our strategy for the future.

And finally a huge thank you to all the volunteer committee members and board directors, who consistently show up and help us be the very best we can be, in the service of those who are in need of a decent home.

Learn more

Housing in the news

In Hong Kong

- Hong Kong must remove barriers to affordable, adequate housing ([South China Morning Post](#)).
- Hong Kong Struggles to Tame a Long-Simmering Housing Crisis ([Bloomberg](#))
- Hong Kong Policy Address: John Lee vows 30,000 new public housing units to boost supply by 25% in 5 years ([Hong Kong Free Press](#))
- New islands, landfill eyed in development drive ([RTHK](#))
- Hong Kong policy address: John Lee pushes for youth hostel scheme to add 3,000 extra spaces, but says tenants will need to earn places with community service ([South China Morning Post](#))

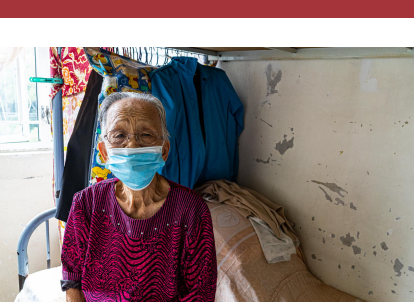
In Asia

- Green housing sees rapid growth and progress, say DFGHA conference speakers ([The Edge Markets](#))
- Shaping History: The Impact of Women Architects in Post-Colonial South Asia ([ArchDaily](#)).

Around the world

- Habitat for Humanity aims to help communities ([Yahoo! news](#)).
- Habitat for Humanity announces resumption of annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project ([Habitat for Humanity International](#))

How you can support



Become a monthly donor now

Please help us to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Monthly donations help us to be a sustainable organisation and enable us to plan ahead. Become a #HopeBuilder and give families hope for a brighter future.



Become a volunteer

Habitat Hong Kong provides free home cleaning, repair, and renovation services for elderly and low-income families, to provide a healthy, safe and sanitary home. You can join us to provide these families with a decent place to live, sign up to become a volunteer now!



Yes I want to lend a hand!

At Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong, we believe that everyone deserves a decent place to live. We have been serving the community, providing home repairs, renovations, and deep cleaning services to low-income families, elderly and people with disabilities. We hope you can support us by donating and fundraising for us. Fundraising for us means you are making an impact on vulnerable families living in substandard housing. You are helping to ensure we have the resources we need to run our programmes in Hong Kong. Get started with your own fundraiser now!

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