

Meet our 2016 Habitat for Humanity GO Partner Family

The Michaelis Family

Shane and Laura Michaelis have been dreaming about becoming homeowners for years. The couple is parents to five children – Tamara, 12, Zachary, 11, Holly-Rose, 8, Kylie, 7, and Sydney, 3. They currently rent a cramped, older home in Carleton Place that doesn't suit their needs. The older windows and electric heating also mean that the couple struggle to pay their high energy bills each month.

Shane works full-time at Costco in Ottawa's west-end and Laura is a busy stay-at-home mom who volunteers at the children's schools. As a Habitat GO Partner Family, they are looking forward to improving their family's quality of life.



“We want to provide a safe and happy environment for our children where we can offer them a future that includes better lives and less of a struggle,” says Shane.

Thanks to the commitment of Habitat GO's sponsors, donors, volunteers, tradespeople and the members of our new Carleton Place Chapter, the family's dream of homeownership will come true later this year when they purchase a single-family home on Crampton Drive. Construction of the home will begin this summer.

“I love that everyone is doing this for families because it is helping secure many futures ahead and respectfully giving us all a hand up,” says Shane.