



Wishing you a fabulous festive season!

December has been a busy month at Habitat, but I still wanted to make time to reflect on the impact we have had recently and share a few highlights with you.

Earlier this month, we met with our Corporate Membership Programme founding members at our second Advisory Council meeting. The senior executives in the Council, led a fruitful discussion around employee engagement as it relates to purpose and community impact. We then welcomed more guests to our C-suite festive gathering. The question put to the people in the room, was how each of the companies are putting social impact at the core of their businesses. Many thanks to Egon Zehnder for hosting and to our Council Chair Tim Proudlock, for leading this important cross-company initiative.


We recently launched our Christmas campaign 'Build Hope with Habitat this Christmas', and we hope that all our newsletter readers can help to spread the word for us. In November, I met Grandma Lam and spent the day working alongside the local domestic workers we engage to declutter and deep clean her home. You can learn more about her story and why we need your support this Christmas at our [campaign page](#). In our last financial year, we provided 547 families with safer and healthier homes and in the next financial year, we aim to double our impact through home improvements whilst further addressing the systemic inequities in the Hong Kong housing ecosystem. This holiday season, with your support, we can build hope and transform the lives of vulnerable individuals and families living in inadequate housing. Please [donate](#) what you can to our campaign and share with your friends and family.

On December 5th, we celebrated International Volunteer Day with the launch of our annual Young Leaders Build campaign, the largest youth movement in the Asia Pacific region. The campaign brings together youth from across the region to support families in need of decent, affordable housing. We look forward to engaging our school clubs over the next few months, after a long hiatus due to COVID.

We are also pleased to share the details of our upcoming Housing Series webinar on Thursday January 12, the fourth event in this important series where we bring global and Hong Kong housing experts together. The topic for this session is climate smart solutions for affordable housing and green living. Climate change and housing are inextricably linked, with those living in substandard housing being the most affected by climate change around the world. [Register now](#) for this free online event to be part of the solution!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Habitat team!


Jo Hayes
CEO, Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong



Voices of Volunteers

A few weeks ago, 9 volunteers joined our Project Home Works programme at Oi Man Estate, Ho Man Tin to renovate 4 homes. One of the volunteers, Ming shared, "I am so happy to come back to Oi Man Estate where I used to grow up to volunteer alongside other volunteers to help Habitat renovate homes for elderly. Thanks to the contractors for their guidance and making us look very professional! I look forward to more volunteer opportunities to help the elderly and those in need."

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time and dedication. Every volunteer can make a difference and help us to achieve our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.




Our local impact

We were thrilled to partner with Goldman Sachs to improve the learning environment at Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen Ng Lai Wo Memorial School in Tai Po. Volunteers from Goldman Sachs joined our Project School Works programme and spent the morning painting beautiful murals. The students were so excited to paint with the volunteers, and now they have different countries-themed murals on each floor of the school!

We would like to say thank you to Goldman Sachs, our volunteer designer and the principal and teachers at Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen Ng Lai Wo Memorial School. If you are interested in learning more about our programmes, please contact partnerships@habitat.org.hk for more information.


[Become a volunteer now!](#)

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Our global impact

Habitat for Humanity projects around the world involve climate change mitigation and/or adaptation, and we work with families and communities to recover and rebuild homes to be resilient to natural disasters. At the [#COP27](#) climate change conference, Habitat called on delegates to prioritise adequate and affordable housing, particularly for the most vulnerable people, to achieve a net-zero future and meet the adaptation needs of human settlements.



Together, we build a better future

We were excited to hold our second Advisory Council meeting, as part of our Corporate Membership Programme. This was followed by an exclusive C-suite engagement event which was a great opportunity for some of our friends from the private sector to meet with our founding members [JLL Hong Kong](#), [Hilti Asia Pacific](#) and [Techronic Industries - TTI](#) to share ideas and insights on having measurable impact in the community. Thank you Sam Nunn for your leadership for your insights at the event!

Our pilot Corporate Membership Programme is designed to provide a platform for companies to have strategic and sustained social impact in the community and together with members of the C-suite and sustainability leaders, we look forward to working together to scale our collective impact in the community.

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Housing in the news

In Hong Kong

- Hong Kong developers may apply to build estates mixing private and public housing after three applications were approved ([South China Morning Post](#))
- Housing chief says 3-year target over public housing waiting time still on gov't agenda ([The Standard](#))
- CLP to spare HK\$200m in community support ([The Standard](#))
- 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

- Singapore looking at how to further prioritise access to public housing for those with pressing needs ([CNA](#))
- Marcos aims to build 1 million low-cost houses annually: 'We will try very, very hard' ([Asia News Network](#))

Around the world

- Why we must pay more attention to city planning and management ([The Standard Media](#))
- Habitat for Humanity building affordable housing for those with disabilities ([Second Wave Media](#))

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!








Build Hope with Habitat this Christmas


Christmas is the most special time of the year, filled with love and joy. This holiday season, we aim to raise \$100,000 HKD and double our impact next year through home improvements and further addressing the systemic inequities affecting the Hong Kong housing ecosystem.

With your support, we can build hope and transform the lives of vulnerable individuals and families living in inadequate housing like Grandma Lam. Read her story on our fundraising page and donate now.

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