

Home Sweet Home

Century 21 Bachman and Associates team up with Habitat for Humanity



BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Darlene Clare, Dave Lowery, Lorne Weiss, Karen Tereck. FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Ralph Fyfe, Janice Fyfe, The Velicaria Family, Natasha Kouk, Roger Burns, Dave Watson.

“Together Everyone Achieves More”

When the Velicaria family received the keys to their new house, a group of realtors who helped in its construction also got a reward — a greater appreciation for the power of home ownership. For Recto Velicaria and his wife, Aurora, moving out of a basement apartment into a 765-square-foot house of their own with their two young sons and another child on the way is a “dream come true.”

“We are so full of joy,” Recto says. “My goal is for my children to grow with confidence in themselves, knowing that their parents provide for them. I just want to be a good husband, a good father, a good provider.”

Sixteen realtors from Century 21 Bachman and Associates helped raise the frame of the Habitat for Humanity home in the West End this autumn. The couple, who came to Canada from the Philippines in search of a brighter future, put 500 hours of sweat equity into the project before moving day in November.

Broker manager Darlene Clare says it’s just the beginning of their partnership

with the non-profit organization. “It was just so heartwarming and moving to see this family walk around with wonder in their eyes at their new home. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the house.” Realtors hand over keys every day, but this time around it was extra special. “It brought a whole new level of appreciation to home ownership.” Clare says. ■



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