

**Press Release**  
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## **\$50,000 Donation to Support Habitat for Humanity OGN in Magnetawan**

*Locals, Carl and Ange Lorusso, support Building Futures in Magnetawan.*



*(LtoR) Kimberley Woodcock, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North (HFHOGN) accepts a transformational donation from Magnetawan native, Carl Lorusso and wife Ange with HFHOGN Magnetawan Chapter Chair, John Hetherington and Construction Chair, Mark Langford. Photo by Cathy Gauthier*

**Magnetawan, ON** – What stands today as a vacant lot in Magnetawan is one step closer to becoming home to a new family, thanks to a \$50,000 donation from Carl and Ange Lorusso. Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North Magnetawan is leading the organization’s first-ever modular, 1,064-square-foot, universally accessible and energy-efficient build on South Street with an expected move in date in early 2024.

Through shelter, we empower. We build strength, stability, and self-

Native to Magnetawan, Lorusso has lived in the area for 68 years. An avid believer in the power of community, he has provided the Lorusso Athletic Award at the Magnetawan Central School for 40 years. After spending time away from the community to build a large waste company in Canada, Lorusso has returned to Magnetawan full-time and is ready to continue supporting its future, “This is a great community. We need housing to help young people in Magnetawan” says Lorusso.

In late 2022, the Municipality of Magnetawan developed its Municipal Affordable Housing Committee to find tangible solutions to the local affordable housing crisis. Deputy Mayor, John Hetherington has led the cause stating, “Let’s stop talking and actually do something.” Hetherington brought together a team of motivated local volunteers with expertise in construction, fundraising and community outreach.

Says Kimberley Woodcock, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North, “We are continually impressed by the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of this community. The work we accomplish is only possible with the commitment from the communities we serve. We would like to express our gratitude to Carl and Ange Lorusso for their generosity and support of Building Futures in Magnetawan.”

To support Building Futures in Magnetawan please visit  
<https://donate.habitatgatewaynorth.com/>

### **About Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North**

Amalgamated in 2014, Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North is a not-for-profit organization working toward a world where everyone has a safe, suitable, and affordable place to call home. Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability, and independence through affordable housing. With the help of government organizations, charitable foundations, local businesses, individual community members, volunteers, and other Habitat partners, we provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives in our service area, in Canada, and around the world. Our region serves communities across central and northern Ontario, including North Simcoe County, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, Greater Sudbury, and Cochrane. Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity Canada, which was established in 1985. To date, across Canada, Habitat for Humanity has helped thousands of families in need of a hand-up. Across the globe, Habitat for Humanity has grown to become a leading global not-for-profit working in more than 70 countries. For more information, visit [www.habitatgatewaynorth.com](http://www.habitatgatewaynorth.com) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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