



Building Homes. Building Hope.



History

- **1976: started in Americus, Georgia**
- **1978: first Habitat for Humanity affiliate founded in the USA**
- **1979: first Habitat for Humanity affiliate founded outside the USA, in Guatemala**
- **1984: Jimmy Carter joins Habitat for Humanity's work**
- **1985: HFH Canada begins**
- **1988: launch of Global Village, Habitat for Humanity's international volunteer program**
- **1996: HFH Romania is established**
- **2006: Global Village Canada is launched**





Philosophy

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is a non-profit housing ministry. HFH seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

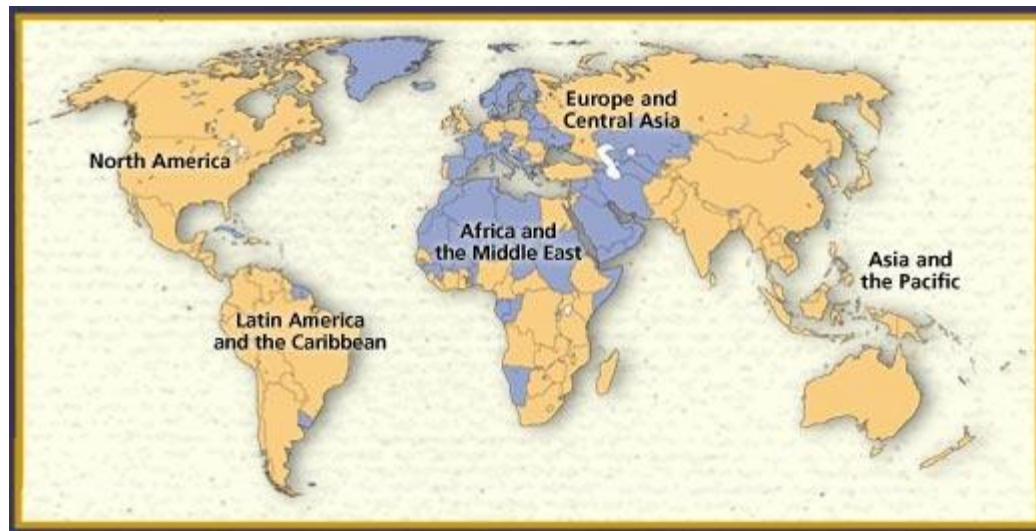
Through volunteer labour and donations of money and materials, HFH builds and rehabilitates simple, decent, affordable houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable loans.





Our involvement worldwide

- Since Habitat for Humanity was established, we have built more than 225,000 houses and have worked with more than 1,100,000 people in need.
- Habitat for Humanity is currently active in more than 90 countries and at more than 2,500 locations worldwide.





Family Selection

Families are selected based on the following criteria:

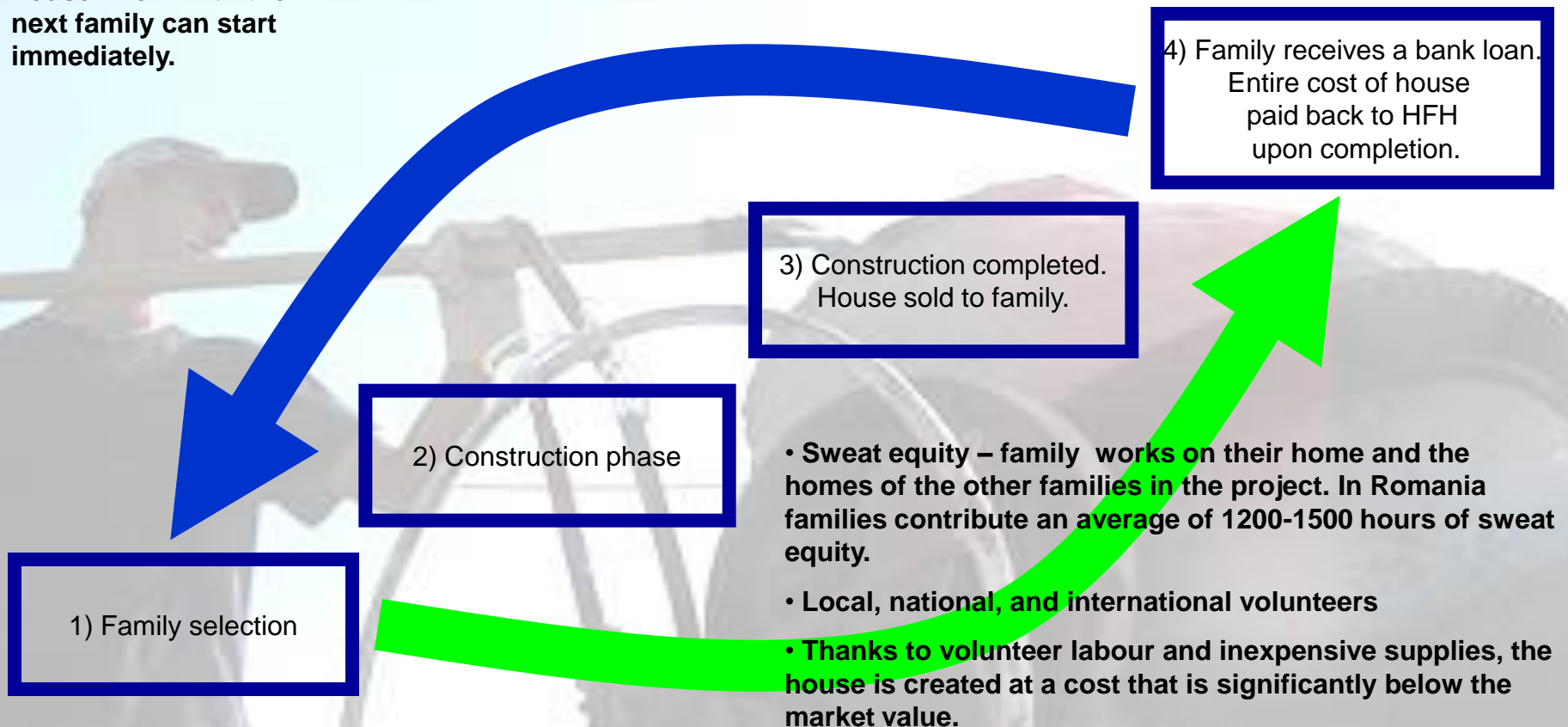
- **Need:** Families who have no home or are living in inadequate homes
- **Ability to pay:** People who have a low income but are able to pay a loan over several years
- **Willingness to partner:** People who will help building their own and their neighbours' homes (up to 1500 hrs)
- Neither religion nor origins are a factor in family selection.





The program – a hand up, not a hand-out

All funds are returned upon completion of the house. Work with the next family can start immediately.



Romania

consists mainly of rolling, fertile plains; hilly in the eastern regions and major mountain ranges running north and west in the center of the country. It is the second largest country in Central and Eastern Europe, with a population of 21.5 million and an area of 237,599 km².

Although it joined the EU in 2007, Romania is still struggling with its past as one of the most oppressive communist regimes behind the Iron Curtain. With a gross national income per capita of around \$11,100 in 2007, Romania is a middle-income country.

It is a country steeped in tradition. At the heart of the culture is the importance of family and community.

Beius



HFH Romania

was established in 1996, and Beius was the first of the currently 7 active affiliates. HFHR has partnered with over 1600 families and has hosted up to 50 volunteer teams annually, including 10 youth groups in 2008/2009.

HFHR has addressed the varied housing needs by building single family homes, multi-family homes and, in cities where the cost of land is high, HFHR has built attic apartments and renovated existing apartment units. The average home size is 55-58 m². Partner families contribute approximately 1200-1500 hours of sweat equity on the worksite.

HOUSING NEED IN ROMANIA



About 6.5 million Romanians are currently living in poverty, lacking adequate heating and running water, in overcrowded conditions, without a bathrooms or simply in a house that is falling down around them. More than 10,000 blocks of apartments built prior to 1980 require significant structural renovation.

The average monthly salary in Romania is about \$450, with rural families earning 2/3 the salary of urbanites. New-housing prices have skyrocketed and single room apartments can cost as much as \$95,000. Access to credit is limited and excessive down-payment restrictions keep all but the wealthy from having access to credit.



Roma communities pose one of the toughest problems for local and national authorities throughout Romania. As by far the most widespread victim of discrimination of any social group in Europe, many Roma communities have been marginalized for decades, leading to cyclical poverty, low education rates and health problems. HFHR has made special efforts to address the needs of this community.



IOSIF FLORIAN FAMILY



Iosif Florian (32), Hendre Iolanda (26), and their children Larisa (9), Cristina Gloria (8), and David Iosif (1) live in a two roomed apartment on the third floor of a communist era apartment block. They share the apartment with another 8 people from a different family.

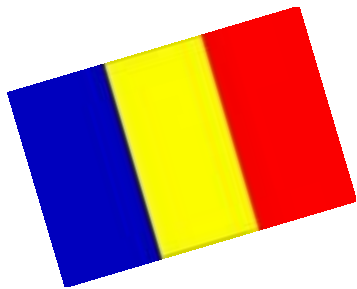


Surprisingly, for so many people living in just two rooms, the place isn't messy - it is as well kept as can be, given the cramped conditions and the building crumbling around them. The kitchen is only 6 feet long and barely has enough room to fit a sink, 2 chairs and a few small shelves. In the corner of the “bedroom” is a metal wood burning stove/heater, cobbled together from a metal can, three soldered metal legs and an exhaust pipe. The whole apartment is split in two by a “wall” made of two large pieces of plywood, offering little privacy and adding to the claustrophobic atmosphere.

"Be the Change - 2010"

ROMANIA AND HUNGARY

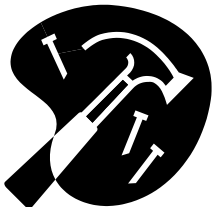
June 30 - July 14



Team Leader



My name is Kim Penzhorn and I am in my 11th year of teaching in the Durham District School Board, currently at Pickering HS. During that time I have organized and chaperoned dozens of student trips – most within Ontario, several to Quebec and two to Europe. A youth Habitat build has been my dream for many years, and this summer I visited Beius, Romania to begin laying the groundwork for “Be the Change 2010” because I truly believe that students will benefit tremendously from the international experience of helping others.





I have been volunteering with the Habitat for Humanity since July 2000:

- 2 GV builds in Poland (1 as participant, 1 as Team Leader)
- 15 GV builds in Hungary (12 as TL and 3 facilitating international student groups)
- 6 months volunteering with HFH Hungary as GV coordinator (Feb – July 2008)
- TL training Facilitator with HFH Canada’s Global Village Programme, since its inception in 2006
- Bermondsey Rd. and Ajax Re-Stores



What's the plan?

 			<i>W. June 30</i>	<i>Th. July 1</i>	<i>F. July 2</i>	<i>Sa. July 3</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -bus from HFH Durham to airport -afternoon or evening flight to Budapest, Hungary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -arrive in Budapest -pick-up from airport...bus to Beius, Romania; lunch en-route -welcome dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant -walking tour of town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant -visit Habitat homes, current family home
<i>Su. July 4</i>	<i>M. July 5</i>	<i>Tu. July 6</i>	<i>W. July 7</i>	<i>Th. July 8</i>	<i>F. July 9</i>	<i>Sa. July 10</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -R&R day in area of Beius; visit Bear Cave, hiking in hills, cookout with HFH staff and families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 - meals at local restaurant - Romanian cultural evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -R&R day in Oradea (1 hr. from Beius); Baile Felix thermal baths, activity and dinner at orphanage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -work day 8:30-5:00 -meals at local restaurant -farewell dinner with HFHR
<i>Su. July 11</i>	<i>M. July 12</i>	<i>Tu. July 13</i>	<i>W. July 14</i>	<p>While in Beius, a rural community, students will live in the home of the Garva family. The parents are both teachers and in order to augment their income, they partnered with HFHR to expand their home and host HFH GV teams. Students will be accommodated in rooms of 2-4 people, with shared bathrooms. All meals will be eaten at a local restaurant. The house and restaurant are within walking distance of one another. The worksite is approximately a 10 minute drive from both.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -bus to Budapest hotel; lunch en-route -walk-about of hotel area -dinner near hotel 	<p><u>Budapest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bus tour of city, visit Castle Hill area -free time -dinner near hotel 	<p><u>Budapest:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tour of Parliament - lunch in pedestrian zone -free time -dinner by Danube River 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -bus transfer from hotel to airport - return to Canada; same-day arrival - parents/guardians pick-up at airport 			



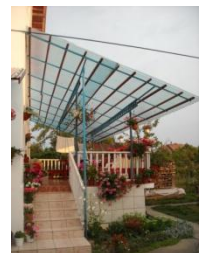
Travel plans and arrangements

Traveling with an HFH group is different than the average vacation; there isn't a tour operator and the various components are organized by different people.

- All arrangements are overseen by HFHC: Global Village and all participants are required to take full medical insurance through Chubb-MEDEX.
- HFH Romania coordinates all in-country arrangements for the build portion of the trip.
- I will arrange flights through a local travel agent as well as all of the details for the R&R portion at the end of the trip; having lived and traveled in Hungary, I feel very comfortable in doing so.

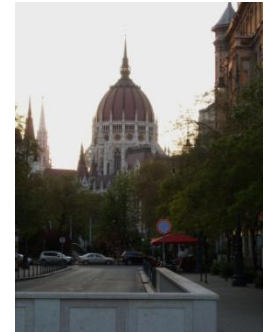
The proposed itinerary allows our young people to spend a significant amount of time on the work site, while still providing sufficient 'down time' for reflection and relaxation. Opportunities exist for them to meet local people, explore the natural and cultural heritage of the region, and see how people really live.

The students will contribute to the global community in a real and meaningful way, gaining an understanding of the world around them and an appreciation of their lives in Canada.





Budapest, Hungary



- While in Budapest, the team will stay at the Hotel Medosz, which is centrally located in the heart of this safe city. This hotel regularly works with HFH groups and offers us a preferred rate.
- Breakfast is included in the hotel price, lunch will be the student's choice, within specified areas, and dinner will be eaten as a group.
- All tours will be done through local tour guide organisations and booked with the help of HFH Hungary National Office staff in Budapest and through the contacts I made while living there in 2008.
- The group will take an extensive tour of the city, including all of the major cultural and historical highlights.
- Having lived in Budapest for six months, I know that it is a safe and manageable city for a group of young people. It will also allow them to see a more urban side of central Europe, contrasting rural Beius, Romania.



Participant selection and pre-trip preparation

Students will submit a written application package containing the following:



- Reasons for wishing to participate in the trip
- What they are excited and nervous about
- Skills/experiences/strengths they bring to the trip
- Any school disciplinary issues
- Two teacher or non-parent adult references
- Parental support statement



Students will receive a copy of the standards and expectations of behaviour and both they and their parents are required to sign a contract which indicates that they will abide by all HFH regulations.

Students will be required to come to an interview – this is not a first-come first-served trip! We hope to have 10-14 student participants and there will be a minimum of two team leaders/chaperones.

In addition to participating in the fundraising and awareness raising initiatives, students are expected to commit to various pre-trip activities:

- Romanian and Hungarian language lessons (provided by Pickering HS students/parents)
- Construction safety and skills (provided through HFH Durham)
- First Aid training
- Team building activities
- Meetings regarding trip expectations, travel organization etc



TRIP COST AND FUNDRAISING



- The estimated trip cost per participant is \$3500.
 - Of this, \$650 is a donation to HFH, with \$400 going directly to the Beius affiliate.
- The estimated cost of flights is \$1400 per person.
- The R&R components of the trip have an estimated per person cost of \$300 - \$350.
- The goal is to raise funds as much of the trip cost as possible. Not only will this make the trip accessible to a wider range of young people, but it will also help with awareness raising within the community. There is no guarantee as to how much money will be raised through fundraising.
- The students involved with this trip will all be expected to participate in the fund- and awareness raising efforts. This is important to build team cohesion as well as to provide students with a greater sense of appreciation for the trip. Some of the ideas which have been brought forth thus far:
 - Cultural evening/dinner/silent auction
 - School-based fundraising (this depends on what Administration will allow)
 - Yuk Yuks evening
 - Wing Shack evening
 - BINGO
 - Corporate Sponsorship



‘BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.’

(Gandhi)

It is up to you to take on the challenge to make the world a better place – you CAN make a difference!

Your generous support has a tremendous positive impact on the lives of so many deserving families and on the opportunities they will be able to offer their children.

THANK YOU - VĂ MULTUMIM

