

Local elementary school student a runner-up in national Meaning of Home youth writing contest

[Toronto], March 5, 2018: Today, Genworth Canada announced the winners from the 11th annual Meaning of Home contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada. Over 7,000 grade 4, 5 and 6 students' from coast to coast submitted entries expressing what home means to them. The Meaning of Home contest helped raise \$170,000 for Habitat for Humanity in Canada.

Local student Catharine from Scarborough was one of 11 runners-up in this national writing contest. As a runner-up, Catharine has chosen to direct a grant of \$5000 to Habitat for Humanity GTA, helping to make a difference in her community by helping build more homes for families in need of housing. To read Catharine's entry, visit <https://meaningofhome.ca/>. As well, \$10 was donated to Habitat for Humanity from each entry from a student in this community, raising a total of \$6,450.

"We are very proud of this initiative as it continues to increase awareness about the need for affordable homeownership in Canada", said Stuart Levings, President and CEO of Genworth Canada. "It is rewarding to see our youth take great pride in their homes and families with words of hopes and dreams; we are pleased to see this contest positively impacting so many students across Canada."

Habitat for Humanity Canada's model of affordable homeownership helps families in need of housing buy their own home. Habitat homeowners volunteer up to 500 hours and pay an affordable mortgage to own their home, helping them build a strong foundation and the financial stability to help plan for their children's futures.

Since the Meaning of Home contest launched in 2007, the national contest has received more than 50,000 essays from elementary school students. The contest has helped to direct more than \$1,000,000 to Habitat for Humanity Canada and local Habitats in every province and territory. This year, the grand prize winner of the Meaning of Home contest is nine-year-old Ryan Mota, from Winnipeg, Manitoba and chose Habitat for Humanity Manitoba as the beneficiary of his \$50,000 grant.

Including local student Catharine, there are 11 runners-up from across Canada who have each been awarded a \$5,000 grant, to direct to a local Habitat for Humanity of their choice. In addition, 11 classrooms will enjoy a pizza party courtesy of each winning entrant. The 11 runners-up and their Habitat for Humanity beneficiaries are:

Students were also invited to submit videos describing what home means to them for a chance to win additional prizes. View the winning video at www.youtube.com/meaningofhome

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About Habitat for Humanity GTA

Founded in 1988, Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area is a nonprofit housing organization working toward a world where everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. We mobilize communities to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. With the help of volunteers and community partners, we provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives for families in the GTA. Since 1988, Habitat for Humanity GTA has built more than 360 homes for families, including over 1,500 children, in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing.

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