Build Hope this Christmas

Join the Gingerbread House Challenge!

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At Habitat for Humanity we believe that everyone, everywhere needs a place to call home.

This Christmas, sign up for the Gingerbread House Challenge and raise vital funds so that more children like Naomi and Ruth (pictured over) have the safe and secure home they need.

Taking part is simple; plan your challenge at home with family and friends, in your community group, church, youth organisation or even at work. Just bake or buy your gingerbread house and get festive with the decoration and the fundraising.

Organise your build!

1. Head to the website to download some resources, including a sponsor form, to help you get started **www.habitatireland.ie/gingerbreadchallenge**

2. Get family, friends, team mates or colleagues to join you.

3. Host your challenge! Build your gingerbread houses, have fun, raise funds and raise your voice for safe shelter.

4. Share your photos and videos on social media & encourage others to get involved! Tag us **@habitatforhumanityireland** on Instagram or **@habitatireland** on Twitter & TikTok! Don't forget to hashtag **#habitatgingerbreadbuild**

5. Send the funds you raised to Habitat *(see the back page for full details)*.

6. **You did it!** - Thank you for joining us to support those who need a safe place to call home.

Just **£48** could buy a safe & lockable door in Ethiopia.

£250 could support community training in Cambodia.

Just **£590** could build a sturdy foundation for a family in Malawi.

£2,500 could support home repairs in Ukraine.

*Costs based on material costs and exchange rates in October 2022

Bake it!
Follow our recipe for success:

Ingredients

350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra

for rolling out

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp ground cinnamon

125g/4½oz butter or vegan butter

175g/6oz light soft brown sugar

1 free-range egg or replace
with a tablespoon of oil, and
water if need

4 tbsp golden syrup

Build It!

**Not a baker?
You can find a
gingerbread house
kit that's ready to
decorate from your
local supermarket
and get building!**

Method

1. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and pour into the bowl. Add the butter and blend until the mix looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

2. Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together, add to the food processor and pulse until the mixture clumps together. Tip the dough out, knead briefly until smooth, wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.

3. Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C Fan/ Gas 4. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper.

4. Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm/¼in thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut out the gingerbread house shapes and place on the baking tray, leaving a gap between them.

5. Bake for 12–15 minutes, or until lightly golden-brown. Leave on the tray for 10 minutes and then move to a wire rack to finish cooling. When cooled assemble and decorate with icing and cake decorations.

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home

This is Gertrude. She lives in her Habitat home in Makalulu, Zambia, with her twin daughters, Naomi and Ruth.

Like many women in Zambia and around the world, Gertrude has struggled to give her daughters a safe & secure place to grow.

In Zambia & Malawi, our long-term partnerships are focused on supporting Habitat's Orphaned and Vulnerable Children programmes. The programme builds homes alongside the most vulnerable in the community.

At Habitat, we believe that a safe home is the foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. Families are healthier, children do better in school and parents have a chance to earn a stable income.
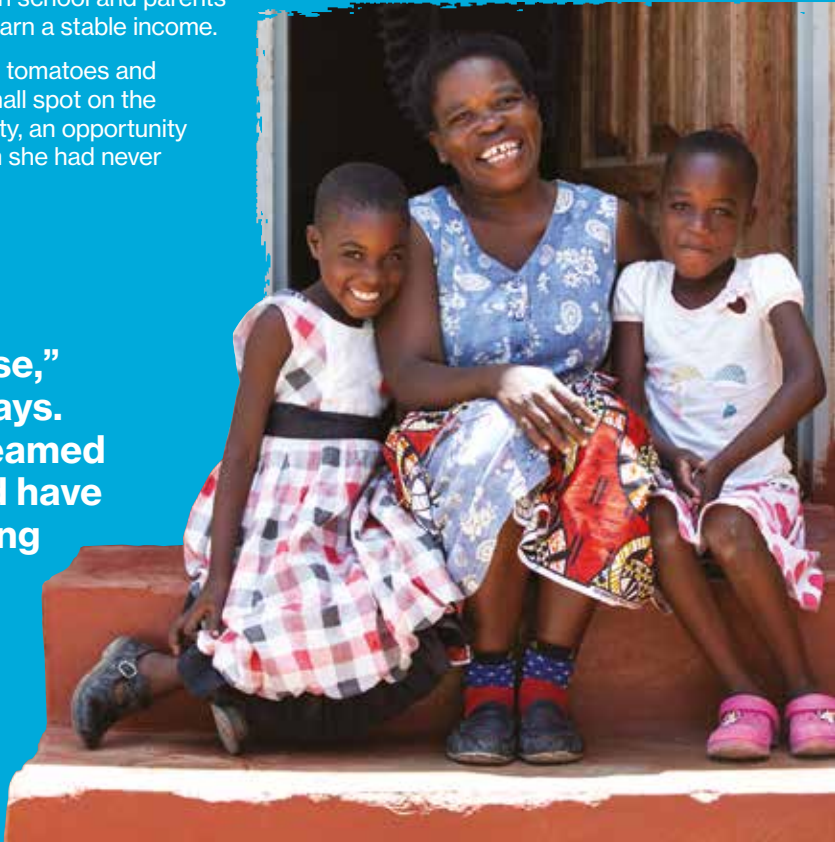
Gertrude now sells tomatoes and charcoal from a small spot on the edge of her property, an opportunity and income stream she had never had before.

Every day, Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair their home in 70 countries around the world.

This Christmas- be a part of this life-changing work & raise funds so that others like Gertrude, Ruth & Naomi have a decent place to call home.

This Christmas, build hope and raise funds for those without a safe place to call home.

"It is a very strong house," Gertrude says. "I never dreamed that I would have such a strong house."

Festive fundraising ideas

Gingerbread houses not to your taste? Here are some other fun and festive ways to raise funds for Habitat!

1. **Christmas Sweater Day**
   Why not give everyone the chance to show off their Christmas cheer? Designate a day and let everyone wear their most festive garments for a small donation!

2. **Carol Concert**
   Donate the proceeds of a collection at your annual Carol service. Get everyone to make a donation to soak up the Christmas atmosphere with some mulled wine & mince pies.

3. **Christmas Film Day**
   Get people together to watch a well-known Christmas movie. Get the popcorn popping and ask for a donation.

How to get your funds to us

Donate online:
www.habitatireland.ie/donate

By post:
Send to Habitat for Humanity Ireland, Riverside Centre, Young Street, Lisburn BT27 5EA. Please make cheques payable to Habitat for Humanity NI.

By phone:
Call the Habitat office on 028 9263 5635

THANK YOU for being a part of our festive fundraising challenge! Funds raised across Ireland are supporting life-changing work every day.

Make sure you share your photos with us on social media **@habitatforhumanityireland** on Instagram or **@habitatireland** on Twitter & TikTok! Don't forget to hashtag **#habitatgingerbreadbuild**

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