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# Building a better tomorrow

*Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta, Brookfield Residential, Professional Home Builders Institute and the Calgary Board of Education launched the “Youth Building for a Better Tomorrow” Program.*

Local high school students gain hands-on work experience credits while participating in a charitable initiative.

**About the program:**

• **Why did Brookfield Residential get involved?**

“At Brookfield Residential, we are more than a home builder and a land developer. We see ourselves as a community builder, which means being a partner to support Calgarians. Brookfield has partnered with Habitat for Humanity on many initiatives over the years, and we see tremendous value in these types of programs. We believe in investing in our future and young people like these students, as they are our future city builders.”

• **What will the students gain from this program?**

“Students will get the opportunity to learn whether a career in the homebuilding industry is right for them, while also gaining transferable skills and experience that will benefit them no matter what work they decide to pursue in the future.”  
— Trent Edwards, COO, Brookfield Residential.

• **How will this program prepare students who may want to choose a career in residential construction?**

“This program will ensure that the students who are ‘Building For Tomorrow’ are focused on building a quality product. They will learn practical skills and have hands-on experience that will prepare them for a career in residential construction as a site manager, estimator, designer, technician, inspector or tradesperson.”  
— Joe Connelly, PHBI executive director.



• **What benefits will the students receive?**

“Students will receive an industry-recognized Residential Construction Site Manager Level 1 Academic Accreditation, as well as off-campus credits towards their high school diploma.”  
— Ryan Emond, learning leader, Off-campus Education, Calgary Board of Education.

**How is Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta involved and where is the construction site located where the students will be working?**

“Students will be working alongside Habitat staff, volunteers and homeowners to build affordable homes in the northeast community of Redstone. Students will receive training in a variety of residential construction skills such as footings and foundations, framing, windows and doors, and interior and exterior finishes.”

• **How will this program help Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta?**

“Not only will this program help build affordable homes for a number of families, students will also have the opportunity to gain an appreciation of how their involvement can help transform lives. The hope is for students to feel inspired to continue to give back to their communities and have compassion for others throughout their lives.”  
— Leslie Tamagi, president & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta. 🏠



Youth Building for a Better Tomorrow Program partners with students from John G. Diefenbaker High School.

