

Meaning of Home

The copy below can be added to your school's newsletter to help promote your class's involvement in this year's Meaning of Home contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada.

Headline:

The Meaning of Home contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada is back! Helping build homes, communities and hope, one entry at a time.

Body:

We are very excited to join classrooms from across Canada participating in the Meaning of Home contest.

In its 19th year, the Meaning of Home contest invites grades 4, 5 and 6 students from across Canada to submit a poem or essay explaining what home means to them. Since 2007, over 120,000 students have participated in the Meaning of Home contest. Thanks to their inspiring words, and the support of title sponsor, BMO, founding sponsor Sagen™ *, award sponsors Metrie and Stantec Consulting Ltd., and judging sponsors BrokerLink and Travelers Canada, the Meaning of Home contest has raised over \$3 million to build homes across Canada for families in need of decent and affordable housing.

Each grade winner will receive a \$30,000 grant for their local Habitat for Humanity. Nine contest runners-up (three per grade) will receive a \$10,000 grant for their local Habitat. Each entry also results in a \$10 donation to your local Habitat.

We've decided to participate this year so students have the opportunity to make a difference in our community.

In addition to winning great prizes, we will be learning the importance of safe, affordable housing while building homes for families. The contest is open for submissions January 5 to February 20, 2026!

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