

## Dear Scout Leader,

Every one of us needs a safe place to live. A place where family can gather to celebrate, a place where young people learn and grow, a place where we can build our lives.

In a world where 1.8 billion people don't have a safe place to live, Habitat's mission has never been more important and young voices are critical to building a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

We, at Habitat, deeply appreciate our partnership with Scouts; a partnership built on a shared commitment to engage and empower young people as agents for change in our communities and our world.

We are thankful for the many individuals who have been part of the partnership, but must mention David Scott whose passion for Scouting and for Habitat's mission laid the foundation for today's partnership which now extends across Northern Ireland.

'Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace'- Kofi Annan, former Secretary General United Nations

It is our hope that many Scout groups will use Step Forward as a tool to help Scouts achieve Community Impact Staged Awards.

Our hope is that you will share feedback, as you use the resource with your groups, to help inform resources we develop for the future.

Together we can help empower young people as key agents for development and peace; active in communities and improving lives.

In partnership,

Jenny Williams

**Chief Executive** 

## Everyone needs a place to call home

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