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Congratulations to The Chin Family!



Isil signs closing documents with her attorney Stephen Girdwood in Lebanon earlier this week.

Congratulations to Isil Chin and her two children for becoming new Habitat homeowners this week! Isil successfully and smoothly closed on her renovated home in Lebanon 7 months after renovation work began.

We are so proud of Isil for all the hard work she has put into renovating her house and working with her financial coach and UVHFH.

Isil has patiently waited a long time for this moment and we are certain that she and her children will be excellent homeowners and neighbors. We are

fortunate to have them as a partner family.

Congratulations, Chin Family - and welcome home!

Thank You, Volunteers & Donors!

Even though this was a renovation and not a new home build, a lot of volunteer time went into the project. We had the added complication of navigating COVID restrictions throughout the entire project, but still managed to have strong volunteer support.

We would like to acknowledge the following people and businesses for their significant contributions to the renovation project and the Chin Family:



Roger Young Jr. of Hypertherm repairing decking in early December.

- Rick Biddle, former Board and Building Committee volunteer, for his deep research; work on site multiple days each week over the course of the project, and commitment to upholding a high energy efficiency standard for the sake of the homeowner and environment.
- Terry Bryant, Isil's Support Partner, for supporting Isil in so many ways from approval, through the renovation, into homeownership, and beyond.
- Jim Masland, retiring Site Supervisor, for managing volunteers and leading the renovation & remaining flexible around rigid COVID restrictions.
- The Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation for generously providing \$20,000 to help make this home renovation a reality. Their support allowed us to significantly upgrade the energy efficiency of the home to reduce monthly utility expenses and make the home more comfortable.
- Jack Kauders, UVFHH Board President & attorney for countless long

hours prepping legal documents, providing guidance, and helping on site (often at the expense of his own responsibilities). Thank you for your dedication to the success and well-being of our homeowners and ensuring that homeownership will bring them prosperity and stability.

- Markell Ripps and her team at Grossman Ripps & Albert for her pro bono legal services and serving as our closing attorney.
- Stephen Girdwood, Esq. for representing Isil at closing. Stephen gracefully went above and beyond for his client, bringing order to closing day for both Isil and UVHFH. It is always a pleasure working with Stephen and witnessing his care and advocacy for his clients & joy in facilitating their official status as homeowners.

- Charlie Clark for his time and attention to all things water, plumbing, electrical, and more (including being one of our biggest advocates). Charlie calmly steps in, gets it done & communicates along the way. Thank you!
- Our Family Committee for supporting Isil & Terry along the way. Big thanks to Shari Sacks and Shelia Cardamone for providing regular lunches and construction help.
- Our Hypertherm volunteers, many of whom worked outside in chilly late fall and early spring temperatures.
- Our "internal" board and committee volunteers (including our Building Committee) who helped with much of the interior work once COVID restricted volunteers indoors.



Tuck Board Fellow Kazuha Cortes mixes paint as she prepares to paint the mudroom in March.

- Robin Hodgdon and Ledyard National Bank for setting up and servicing Isil's mortgage (and the mortgages of all our homeowners). This service is invaluable to us and we are so thankful for your partnership!
 - Vreni Gust, our Qualified Loan Originator volunteer for helping another family close on their home (and guiding all of us through the process!).
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Dartmouth College Habitat Chapter volunteers work on an insulation project in the basement in October.

We would also like to thank:

- Steve Lagasse, Lagasse Appraisal
 - Travis Craig & Andrew Cadorette, NH Housing Finance Authority
 - Lebanon Paint & Decorating
 - Bob Tortorice, Building Alternatives Inc.
 - Noel Snow & The West Lebanon Home Depot
 - Leann Cushman & Tiffany Adams, City of Lebanon
 - Richie Thompson
 - John Unger Murphy, Murphy's Cell-Tech
 - Greg Hance, Hance Electric
 - LaValley Building Supply
 - Katy Almstrom, Almstrom Financial Coaching
 - Mak's Trucking & Excavation
 - Matt Bradley, All-State Towing & Auto
 - Memphremagog Heat Exchangers
 - Martin's Mechanical Plumbing & Heating
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The Chin Family

Last but certainly not least, a big thank you goes to Isil and her children for their patience and flexibility in navigating the bumps in the road due to COVID, new leadership, and what at times felt like a very slow renovation process. Thank you for being a wonderful family to work with. We wish you all the best in your new home!

We also extend our deepest thanks to the construction & lunch provider volunteers who worked on this project and all the donors who contributed to this project. Thank you for making The Chin's dream of homeownership come true.

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