



*Construction progress at Jesse's House*

## Construction on Jesse's House has begun!

We're so excited to share a progress update on Jesse's House with those who have been walking alongside this project so closely. Thanks to your support, the vision is steadily becoming a reality—quite literally from the ground up.

Board Director and Building Committee Chair **John McKendrick** regularly visits Jesse's House to meet with the construction team and review progress. With decades of experience in construction, John brings a practiced eye to this work. He was happy to share that despite a rainy start to the year, the build is moving forward well. The foundation is steadily coming together, marking a milestone in the construction. As John shared:

*"Every build has its critical phases, and once you're out of the ground, you've passed the most challenging part. Seeing the foundation finished will be a big moment—it means the house is truly taking shape."*

### *Project update from Chris Ackerman, Site Superintendent*



*"It's a pleasure to be part of such a worthwhile project. We've formed the basement foundation walls and will complete the foundation by mid-March before moving into wood frame construction. I'm excited to get this one 'out of the ground.'"*

—Chris Ackerman, Site Superintendent



Buy a brick. Leave your legacy.  
Help us build Jesse's House.



An example of an 8"x4" brick

As the house begins to rise, there's a meaningful way you can become a permanent part of it.

Our **Brick Campaign** invites you to leave your legacy by dedicating a personalized brick that will live at Jesse's House for generations to come. Whether you choose to honour a loved one, celebrate your family, or even leave your business's mark, your brick will become a part of the walkway that families will pass through during some of their hardest moments.

Here are some brick messages we've received so far:

*"For our community and courageous son."*

*"Family means no one gets left behind or forgotten."*

*"Love life from creation to its end."*

As Jesse's House continues to take shape, these bricks will tell the story of a community that stepped forward when it mattered most.

We hope you'll consider becoming a tangible part of this lasting legacy with a brick. Your support today helps ensure Jesse's House opens its doors as a place of comfort, stability, and care for Island families for years to come.

To buy a brick, visit [www.islandkidsfirst.com/brick](http://www.islandkidsfirst.com/brick).

## Look for us in community!

### Wellnessnews Expo

February 28  
Beban Park Social Centre  
10am - 5pm

### Nanaimo Spring Home Show

March 6-8  
Beban Park Social Centre  
Varying show hours

### Comox Spring Home Show

April 17-19  
Comox Valley Sports Centre  
Varying show hours