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Home improvement with a social conscience

Edmonton—For the past two years, Bachelor of Commerce student Jyoti Aheer has spent her Saturdays helping customers at one of the Edmonton Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations. This semester she took her part-time job to the classroom.

Aheer and six of her classmates spent the last three months coming up with ways to increase awareness for the social enterprise that sells home improvement items and gently used building materials. “Habitat for Humanity is a big part of my life, and it was an eye-opener to find out how little people knew about the different things the organization does,” said Aheer.

The team started by meeting with their new community partner and getting to know more about the ReStore. The result of that process was a plan to build awareness of the ReStore among students, faculty and staff at MacEwan University.

Team member Myreen Abuan says that working with a charitable organization opened her eyes to a whole new world of possibilities when it comes to using her Bachelor of Commerce degree. “Working with a volunteer-based organization has affected me personally,” said Abuan. “I hadn’t really thought that this was something I could do with my career and I think the experience has made me care more and think about ways I can help spread awareness about services and products out there for people in need.”

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