

Habitat for Humanity Halifax Regional Municipality News for January to April, 2007

January 2007

Habitat for Humanity Canada: Double Women Build Homes in 2007

Habitat for Humanity Canada announced that 8 affiliates (including Halifax Regional Municipality) will be building 15 Women Build homes in 2007. That represents 8% of all homes projected to be built in Canada this year – and over double the number of Canadian Women Build homes in 2006. For more information, visit: <http://habitat.ca/womenbuildprogramc10.php> and <http://www.habitathrm.com/womenbuild.html>

South Shore Chapter to Build in 2007

The South Shore Chapter is planning its first build in Bridgewater this summer. This brings the total builds in 2007 for Habitat for Humanity HRM and affiliates to five!

February 2007

Major Corporate Sponsors Sign On for 2007 Builds

Manulife Financial and Nova Scotia Home Builder's Association have each committed to \$60,000 in support for the 2007 Habitat for Humanity builds. Other major sponsors are TD Bank Financial, ADESA Halifax, ING Canada, Stewart McKelvey, CBRE, and Casino Nova Scotia. Without this support, the builds would not be possible.

Dalhousie Chapter Heads to Alabama for Katrina Relief

A team from the Dalhousie University Chapter of Habitat for Humanity HRM went to Mobile County Alabama to assist in Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts.

Habitat for Humanity HRM Executive Director Builds in El Salvador.

Habitat Executive Director, Alexis Ashworth, spent a week building a home in San Vicente, El Salvador through the Habitat Global Village program.

March 2007

The ReStore Receives an Enormous Donation from the Home Depot.

Almost \$700,000 in unsold merchandise is being donated by The Home Depot to the ReStore. The product was left behind after The Home Depot's move to their new location at Dartmouth Crossing and is a mixed collection that includes interior doors, cabinets, and tubs. This represents by-far the largest donation ever made to the ReStore. Many thanks are extended to The Home Depot for their continued support!

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Swings into Action for Habitat!

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced in March that it will be holding its 6th Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 22nd at the Granite Springs Golf Club. CMHC is kindly donating the net proceeds from the event to the Habitat affiliate!

April 2007

The Knights of Columbus Spearhead Another Successful Playhouse Raffle

For another year, the Knights of Columbus have built two playhouses and have raffled tickets for the entire month of March. Their work at the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association Home Show and the Halifax Shopping Centre brought \$20,140.66 to Habitat! The two playhouse winners were Linda Howell of Sydney and Megan Brown of Beaverbank.

Four Partner Families Chosen

Four families, including 14 minors between the ages of 3 and 17, have been chosen as Partner Families for the 2007 build. Habitat looks forward to working closely with these families over the coming year.