

The Beam Fall 2010



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Executive Director's Message

Once again, welcome to the Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon newsletter. We have had a busy and rewarding summer with new builds starting, an art installation on the west side of our offices and new customers everyday at the ReStore.

Our summer build season was delayed, as every group that depends on good weather can attest, due to rain. However, the great October made up for a lot of the poor summer and we are well on our way with a new High School Carpentry Apprenticeship (HCAP) build on Avenue W started; our four-plex underway in Fairhaven and the finishing touches on last year's HCAP duplex on Avenue V. It is great to have all the volunteers out and the students working again. This keeps Al, our Construction Manager and Matt, our Build Site

Supervisor, running. Thanks to them, we will have six more homes for partner families.

Our greatest challenge currently is land cost and availability. We have been successful in purchasing enough land to meet our needs for builds in 2011, however, as the cost rises and the availability of property on which we can build multi-family dwellings decreases, we are becoming more concerned about where we will build in the future. If anyone has property or great ideas, please send us an email or call.

Thanks for your interest in Habitat Saskatoon and thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for your help throughout the year. We truly appreciate the assistance of the community in our goal to provide homes for low income working families, and assist them in their goal of home ownership.



Barb Cox-Lloyd



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CMHC Study

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation is Canada's national housing agency. It provides mortgage loan insurance, housing policy and programs, and housing research.

The average monthly rent for a 2 bedroom apartment is \$905

in Saskatoon CMHC Fall 2009 Rental Market Report

Like most major centers, Saskatoon has experienced numerous challenges related to affordable housing in recent years. The supply of housing has not been able to keep pace with the growing demand for housing of all types and price ranges in Saskatoon and the surrounding areas. This has resulted in increasing prices for both new and resale homes as well as rental accommodations. Unfortunately, wage-growth has not kept pace with that of the growing economy. Therefore, many people living in Saskatoon have to spend a larger portion of their income on housing.

The price of a new home in Saskatoon increased 47%

between April 2007 and April 2009. SHIP January 2010

Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon assists families whose rent may be more than 50% of their income, and provides them with an opportunity to live in a safe and healthy environment. The average monthly rent for a 2 bedroom apartment is \$905 in Saskatoon. Such disparities threaten the cohesiveness of our community, the health of our population and have a negative impact on the economy. These consequences are avoidable and can be successfully addressed through appropriate measures including low-income housing initiatives.

The estimated shortage of affordable housing in Saskatoon

is 5,700 dwelling units. 2008 Saskatoon Health Region's Health Disparity Report

Finding appropriate and affordable housing has become increasingly difficult for many groups, including low income families. HFHS provides the opportunity for working families to achieve home ownership. Families receive interest-free mortgage payments amortized at 25% - 30% of their income which allows them to spend money on necessities like groceries and utilities.

Almost half of Habitat homeowners learn a new trade

or upgrade job skills; 1/3 return to school 2004 CMHC Report

Stable families build safe, stable communities, and we at Habitat are pleased and excited to help deserving families settle in Saskatoon neighborhoods and build a healthier community.

**Over 60% of Habitat homeowners report that their children are happier,
more outgoing, and more confident after moving into their home** 2004 CMHC Report



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Camponi Sod Turning

Rather than demolish duplexes from McNabb Park, built in the 1940's, we wanted to preserve the structures. To accomplish this goal, Habitat Saskatoon purchased the duplexes and a vacant lot for the homes' permanent location.



L to R: Andrew Turnbull, Barry Downs, Mayor Atchison, Kelly Block MP, Joceline Schriemer MLA

This will enable four families to experience homeownership for the first time while saving a part of our local heritage. Turning the historic duplexes into affordable homes is a win-win situation for everyone. Helping complete the project, major contributing partners include the Delta Bessborough and The Home Depot Canada Foundation, who each sponsored a unit.

In July, after months of preparation (including deconstructing the original duplexes down to usable shells, moving the duplexes and preparing the new site), a special 'Begin the Build' Ceremony was held to officially launch the build. Mayor Atchison, MP Kelly Block and Joceline Schriemer were on hand to help celebrate this occasion.

This project is the first of its kind undertaken by Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon. The unique building project sets a precedent for the refurbishing of other heritage homes and an opportunity to preserve the past while restoring old structures back into useful housing.

Ave W South Sod Turning



L to R: David Sloboda; Joceline Schriemer MLA; Barry Downs; Mayor Atchison; Danielle Chartier MLA; Pat Lorje

Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon broke ground on another home building project on September 14, 2010. This event marks the fifth consecutive year that Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Public School Division has worked together. Students from all over Saskatoon enrolled in Mount Royal's High School Carpentry Apprenticeship Program (HCAP) are given the opportunity to bank hours towards a Journeyman's status in the carpentry trade. Students join Habitat Saskatoon on a construction site for one full semester. Many students go on to work in the building industry where the skills learned through HCAP become very useful.

"This unique partnership between Habitat Saskatoon and the high schools of Saskatoon provides an opportunity for students to experience all aspects of construction," says Barb Cox-Lloyd. "We are very proud to be involved with this educational program and build affordable homes for Saskatoon families. It is also our pleasure to partner with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation to provide homes for working families."

Habitat '10



Habitat Saskatoon is a proud member of the Riversdale community and one of our aims is to help beautify our neighbourhood. To accomplish this, we are pleased to have partnered with another member of the Riversdale business community, the AKA Gallery and Andreas Buchwaldt. A public art project entitled Habitat '10 was unveiled on August 12th. A public reception and bbq was held to celebrate the installation of the art piece, mounted on the side of the Habitat Centre.

The project, by local artist Andreas Buchwaldt is a joint initiative by AKA Gallery and Habitat for Humanity Restore Saskatoon. Barb Cox-Lloyd, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon, said "Through Andreas' artwork we believe we have achieved our aim to beautify with this symbol of the work that we do."

"I work a lot with digital fabrication and architecture, and so I requested blueprints from some of the Habitat for Humanity building projects in the city– I used that as my source material. The sculpture is based on an actual Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon home," said Andreas Buchwaldt. "For this project I was interested in celebrating something... to highlight the work that Habitat is doing in the community."

The art piece is located at Habitat for Humanity Restore at 122 Avenue D South and is open to the public for viewing. The project is made possible by the generous support of the Saskatchewan Arts Board, SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Lotteries.

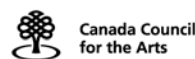
Habitat wishes to thank Andreas for his creativity, ingenuity and hard work in producing this lovely piece of art. Also, many thanks to Tod, the executive director of AKA Gallery for putting this all together. He has been instrumental in making this happen.



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Home Dedication Ceremony



L to R: Joceline Schriemer MLA, Chantelle Skafel-Benitez, Barb Cox-Lloyd, Barry Downs

On November 5, 2010 a local family realized their dream of homeownership at a Home Dedication Ceremony in Saskatoon.

“Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon is really excited about the dedication of this home and the others that will follow thanks to the Government of Saskatchewan, our donors and volunteers and particularly the students of the Saskatoon Public School’s HCAP program.” says Barb Cox-Lloyd, Executive Director. “We believe that involving students in building homes for low-income working families provides them with an understanding of residential construction while giving them an opportunity to build a stronger community.”

Chantelle Skafel-Benitez and her five children will move into this home. Chantelle has partnered with Habitat to receive a safe and affordable home at which interest-free mortgage payments will be amortized at 25% - 30% of her income. The family completed 500 hours of volunteer time towards building Habitat homes. Habitat for Humanity believes that access to safe and decent housing is a basic human right that should be available to all people.

[Click here to watch a video of Chantelle receiving her keys!](#)

Mustangs for Habitat

Enter to win a 1968 Ford Mustang!

The Mount Royal Collegiate Shop Program has refurbished a 1968 Ford Mustang to be raffled off (pictured below). All proceeds will be generously donated to Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon.

Tickets available for purchase at the Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon ReStore: 122 Ave D South.

\$5/ticket

Draw date: June 10, 2011

Thank you Mount Royal for your continued support!



Champions of Change

Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon volunteer, Weldetinsae, is one of the top 10 Champions of Change in CBC’s national contest. He was chosen from a pool of nearly 2000 nominees for his volunteerism with Habitat Saskatoon.

We are extremely excited and proud of Welde and encourage everyone to check out his story and vote for Welde as the top Champion of Change.

**VOTE
NOW!**



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We would like to thank each and every one of you.
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Holiday Hours of Operation:
The Habitat ReStore and Administration Office
will be closed Dec 25 - Jan 2



Wondering how you can personally help more families move into simple, decent and affordable homes?

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- If you are going on a Habitat build site, let your friends and family know about your volunteer efforts and make it a pledge drive– set a goal and see if you can make your target
- At your next special event, instead of exchanging presents or giving gifts, consider having your guests make a donation to Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon
- As part of a special event (bike-a-thon, walk-a-thon, etc.) or start your own event!
- To donate directly go to www.habitatsaskatoon.ca, select 'Donate' on the left-hand side of the page.

Thank you for your support and happy fundraising!

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