

Executive Director's Message

I cannot believe that I have been here two years now. Time does fly when you're having fun! I look back at the two years and look at what our great team of staff and volunteers has accomplished – it is fantastic.

Near the beginning of May we had the sod turning on the 2011 Cameco Women Build. Thank you to everyone who came out on a cool, blustery day. It was a terrific way to start thinking about the Women Build and kick it off in style. Thank you to our Women Build committee for their commitment and hard work. Also, thanks to the wonderful women who have agreed to act as Ambassadors for our build this year: Daphne Arneson, Sylvia Fedoruk, Betty Ann Latrace-Henderson and Vera Pezer.



L to R: Barb Cox-Lloyd (Executive Director of Habitat Saskatoon), Mayor Don Atchison, Sheryl Fox of Cameco, Minister June Draude and Sandy Sitkowski (Habitat Saskatoon Board Chair)

As always in the spring, the ReStore is buzzing. Our product selection is fantastic this year and our customers are thrilled. Come in and see what we have for renovations, furnishing your home or building that summer place. Also, if you have product to donate, give Brenda a call at 280-6757.

Now into my third year I would like you to consider when you will join us on a Habitat work site, to enjoy the warm sunshine and help build a stronger community. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to any Habitat build, please visit our website at www.habitatsaskatoon.ca or call the office (306) 343-7772.

Barb Cox-Lloyd

Don't miss your chance to enter to win the Mustang!

The Mount Royal Collegiate Shop Program refurbished a 1968 Ford Mustang to be raffled off in support of Habitat Saskatoon. Painted in the school's colours, this gorgeous car could be yours on June 10th, 2011 for only \$5 / ticket. All proceeds of the raffle will be generously donated to Habitat Saskatoon.

Tickets are still available for purchase at the Habitat Saskatoon ReStore or administration office:

Administration Office
320-21st Street West

ReStore
122 Avenue D South

Thank you Mount Royal for your continued support!



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Habitat Annual Gala Dinner

Habitat Saskatoon's annual Gala Dinner was held on Saturday May 14th at the gorgeous Adam Ballroom in the Delta Bessborough Hotel in downtown Saskatoon.

The evening was sponsored by the Delta Bessborough hotel and featured a five course meal by chef Ryan Marquis.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Jeronimo de Miguel of Manulife Financial. Jeronimo was instrumental in establishing CBC's Champions of Change competition. He spoke on the topic of Celebrating Volunteers—a timely subject as 2011 is the International Year of Volunteers!

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and to all attendees, without you we simply could not do the work that we do. We raised over \$20,000 which will be used to purchase land in Saskatoon for the sole purpose of building low-income, modest homes for working, local families.



We would also like to say a big thank you to our tireless volunteers who worked at the event—we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you!



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Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraising gala dinner on May 14th at the Delta Bessborough. It was a wonderful evening and over \$20,000 was raised! A special thank you to all of our amazing sponsors!

Housing the birdly: Hidden gems at the ReStore

We often boast that Habitat Saskatoon has the best volunteers around. One example of how incredible our volunteers are is long-time ReStore volunteer, George. Growing up and farming in Alberta, George tended to over 600 Blue Bird boxes on his rural property. Eventually moving to Saskatoon, George began volunteering for the Saskatoon ReStore helping to house local birds.

Bringing over 30 years of experience in birding and building bird houses and boxes to his volunteering, George is best known for the variety of bird and butterfly boxes that he builds to sell at the ReStore. And the variety of these houses is indeed impressive. George specializes in bat houses, Ring-billed duck and Saw-whet Owl boxes, butterfly boxes, and House Wren, Purple Martin and Bluebird houses.

Thanks so much to George for all your knowledge. If anyone is wondering about any of these boxes please talk to our wonderful ReStore staff, or you may even catch George in the store if you're lucky!



Bluebird house

Placement Guide for George's Critter Houses

Purple Martin: these larger dark purple, almost black, birds require a larger entry way to their house and have very specific requirements for house placement. Ideal placement for a Purple Martin house is centred in the most open spot available, and a minimum of 30 feet away from your house. If placed correctly, your Purple Martins will return year after year to nest in your George-built house.



Purple Martin box

Bufflehead Duck: place 25-30 feet off the ground, near a water source.

Bluebird: you can only find Bluebirds in rural Saskatchewan, unfortunately city dwellers will likely not attract Bluebirds to their property. Mount Bluebird houses on poles, fence posts or trees. Place 3-5 feet above ground, space boxes 5-15 feet apart. Clean the box in the late fall to prepare them for the birds' return in early spring.

Butterfly: mount butterfly box on a pole in a garden with many flowers and flowering plants. Butterflies will utilize the house at night for nesting, or when it's cold.

Saw-whet Owl: place box in rural areas, it may be very difficult to attract owls to boxes placed in the city. These small owls tend to nest in haylofts. Place box approximately 75 feet away from area with high human activity, preferably with a dense canopy around the box. Protect box from full sun exposure.

Bats: in the city or in rural areas, place boxes on the side of a building or near water. Bats will nest in the smallest of areas, such as under siding on your house or garage—if you have this problem, place your bat box near the undesired nesting spot and the bats should eventually move into the box.

House Wren: place box around your house or in the trees. House Wrens are clever little birds and are known for making "dummy" boxes to fool competitors by filling the house to the top with twigs and sticks.



Saw-whet Owl photo courtesy: www.owl-pictures.com

Volunteer Hub: the new way to get involved

In early May we changed volunteer event management providers. Our old system just could not keep up with our needs as we grow, build more houses, and attract even more groups for team builds each year.

You can become a volunteer and get started in three minutes or less on our new volunteer page at <http://habitatsaskatoon.volunteerhub.com>

Once you have registered your new volunteer profile, simply log in, then view the Events and sign up for whichever dates work for you.

Our volunteer shifts have been split into mornings (8:00am-12:00pm) and afternoons (1:00pm-4:30pm) weekdays, and 1:00pm-4:00pm on Saturdays) to give you more flexibility in volunteering.

You can view volunteer opportunities by Event (build site, ReStore, special events, Women Build), by date, calendar, or grid. Click on the name of the Event for a more detailed description of what you can expect during your shift, a map of where the Event is taking place, and other helpful bits of information.

And if you get stuck on any part of the registration or sign up process help is one quick phone call or email away. Just get in touch with our volunteer coordinator Wendy at 343-7772 or Volunteer@habitatsaskatoon.ca.



Register your volunteer profile today on our volunteer hub!

Have you seen our new signage?



Another Habitat Home finished and ready for a low-income, working family.

Keep Cool This Summer with a ReStore Hat

Pick up your ReStore hat for only \$10. All funds from the sale of the hats go directly to building homes for low income, working families.



Gerry, General Manager ReStore Operations, and Brenda, ReStore Procurement Officer, modeling the ReStore hats



New Faces On- Site

We would like to introduce to you our two new site supervisors Mike and Robert.

As we move into the summer, Mike and Robert are helping us move forward with three geographically separate builds this summer.

309 Camponi Place

The build on 309 Camponi Place, involves the refurbishing of two salvaged duplexes that were moved from Saskatoon's McNab Park late last year. Don't let the idea of refurbishment fool you into thinking that there is no work—these units are nothing more than a foundation, walls and a roof. There is plenty of work to be done on the Camponi build site.

320 Avenue W South

We are moving along on our duplex build at Avenue W. The siding has gone up, shingles on, basement is completely backfilled, and we're now finishing up interior framing and putting in drywall.

2011 Cameco Women Build / 234 Coad Manor (Hampton Village)

The Women Build is a five-week event starting July 18th, and we will continue to work on the house until December.



Mike striking a pose. Photo by Dianne G.



Congratulations to the ReStore on its 20th Anniversary!

The Habitat ReStore would like to thank all of its customers for making our 20th Anniversary a record year for sales.

Make sure you visit the ReStore before heading to the cabin or starting on that home renovation project.

The store is packed with great finds such as the new cabinets and cabinet accessories that were generously donated by Saskatoon's Superior Cabinets, brand new hardwood for your flooring project, and many gently used second-hand kitchen appliances.

Did you know that for every dollar spent in the ReStore, 1.3lbs, or 390 tons per year, of product is diverted from the Saskatoon landfill.

ReStore Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00am-5:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Donating Your Product or Materials to the ReStore

Are you a local business looking to free up some floor space by getting rid of product odds and ends? Are you moving your store's location and you don't want to move all of the product?

We have the solution for you! Contact Brenda, the ReStore's Procurement Officer, and she will find your product a new home at the ReStore. Your business may even qualify for a charitable tax receipt. Call Brenda to find out what we accept or for more details at 343-7763 or 280-6757, brenda@habitatsaskatoon.ca



Brenda with the refurbished Mustang at the Draggins Custom Car show.

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Habitat Saskatoon would not be able to build homes without the generosity and support of our donors.
We would like to thank each and every one of you.
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