

# The Beam

Summer 2011



## Executive Director's Message

Once again, welcome to the Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon newsletter. We have had a busy and rewarding summer with the Cameco Women Build and with our ongoing build projects on Avenue W and in Fairhaven. As busy as the summer was, the fall is going to be more so; we are starting 2 duplexes and a four-plex. If you have some time during these beautiful autumn days, please come help us build.

Even our own administrative building, the Habitat Centre at 320 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street West is undergoing some changes and updating. Monique Martin from George Vanier School and a group of her students are doing murals in our hallway. Next newsletter we'll include some photos, but this should all be done by the end of October, so come by in November to see the great work that is being done on our walls!



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)

Our ReStore is busy every day with terrific product coming in regularly. Come by and see the new supplies we have on hand, or check out the website at [www.habitatsaskatoon.ca](http://www.habitatsaskatoon.ca). Home supplies and furnishings are always on hand.

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.

## Bringing Habitat Out to Your Community

Just to let you know, Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon is available to give presentations to schools groups, community associations, and other interested organizations. If you would like to have a Habitat for Humanity presentation brought to your school or organization please give us a call at 343-7772 to book an appointment.

The presentation will be mostly about how a person or an organization can volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon, what is Habitat for Humanity, what Habitat for Humanity does for the community, and how interested individuals or groups can get involved in Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon. There are a lot of great stories and information to be provided by Habitat staff so pick up the phone and give a call or email us at [reception@habitatsaskatoon.ca](mailto:reception@habitatsaskatoon.ca)

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## 2011 Cameco Women Build a Success!

Wow- another successful Cameco Women Build wrapped up mere weeks ago! This is the fourth Cameco Women Build that Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon has undertaken and it is an important movement that helps bring women together for a common purpose: to change the lives of families in their communities. Women of all ages and backgrounds volunteered in a non-traditional capacity – construction. Participants learned new skills and trades and contributed to providing families with safe homes in which to grow.

Cameco has sponsored the past Women Builds in Saskatoon and we were thrilled to partner with them once again this year. “Helping a deserving family make their dream of home ownership a reality is something that makes our company and our employees very proud,” said Sheryl Fox, Cameco’s vice-president, investor, corporate and government relations. Amongst the many sponsors of this year’s Cameco Women Build were the Affinity Credit Union and Dakota Dunes Community Foundation (for a complete list please see pages 8 and 9 of the Beam).

I’d like to take a moment to thank the wonderful women who were involved on this year’s Cameco Women Build. Besides the hundreds of amazing women volunteers who took time off work, cut their summer holiday short or put off other things to join us for a day on the Women Build, there were many others working hard in the months leading up to the CWB. We had five ambassadors that brought a level of awareness and recognition to the project for which we are grateful. Daphne Arnason, Vera Pezer, Betty-Ann Heggie, Betty Anne Latrace Henderson and The Honourable Sylvia Fedoruk. Thank you for being great ambassadors.

Our Steering Committee also worked very hard to ensure this build was a success on all fronts. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot from our committee members, including: Kim Ali (Chair), Barb Cox-Lloyd, Theresa Kirkpatrick, Bernice Williams, Tracy Blair, Mary Beckett, Jayne Horachek, Bev Dubois, Shelley Brown and Chantelle Jack.

Volunteers are still needed to help in the finishing stages of this home- sign up for a 4 hour shift at [www.habitatsaskatoon.volunteerhub.com](http://www.habitatsaskatoon.volunteerhub.com). The Dedication Ceremony is anticipated to be held in November so that the family can celebrate Christmas in their new home at 234 Coad Manor.

-Kathleen Crowther



# 2011 Cameco Women Build



The future Habitat homeowner, Carrie and her two children, Nathan and Brooke. Carrie has been working hard over the summer to complete the required 500 hours of 'sweat equity' towards her home.

Cameco Staff participated in two volunteer days on the home. Here are some of those volunteers, showing off their handiwork at the 2011 Cameco Women Build site (234 Coad Manor).



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# ReStore

The ReStore continues to surprise and shine this Summer with product going in and out it has been a very busy summer season for the employees at the ReStore. This summer has seen different volunteers come and go at the ReStore with a few regulars staying on and helping out throughout the entire year. Some new employees have also been hired on at the ReStore. This summer we welcomed Tracy and Arturo to the ReStore. Just to remind you, the customer, that the ReStore still is Saskatoon's best kept secret and you should really come and take a look for yourself to see what treasures you might find for your do it yourself home improvement project. At the ReStore there is always a lot of great product, come and see for yourself, you never know what you might find!

A Bathtub available for resale at the ReStore, for anyone looking to renovate or improve their home bathroom!



A great looking fireplace was recently on sale at the ReStore, like I stated, you never know what you might find at the ReStore, come down to 122 Ave D South to take a look for yourself!

Anyone looking for a cabinet? The ReStore has a great selection of Cabinets for anyone looking to showcase their home products!



## Winner of the Mustangs For Habitat Raffle



Congratulations to the winner of the Mustang, Barry Smith of Lemberg, Saskatchewan

## Keep your Head Covered 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



# “Picturing Home” Photography Contest



## **Grand Prize Winner**

*Amelia Perotta*

The picture I attached is a picture of me and my younger brother, because after everything, wherever my family is will be home for me. My brother is my best-friend and hero, and even though we get in fights sometimes (Who doesn't?) I love him to death and would do anything for him. I'll always be at home when I have my family.



## **Runners-Up**

*Tiffany Carrier*

“This picture isn't of a home but it signifies what makes a home to us...is our family.

This is all I need to feel at home even though at this time we are currently don't have a home to call home.

We still have each other and that's all that counts.

Times are tough and all we really want is to find a home that fits all of us.

Each day is a struggle for us but at the end of the day we know that we have each other and it sets a sense of comfort in our hearts.

Our home is made with laughter and lots of hugs and kisses.”



*Saleema Mohamed*

“Homes are truly what you make of them. This photo was taken in Alexandria, Egypt. Homes are built tightly close to one another. Towering above the streets these apartment buildings look bare on the outside but are filled with life in the inside. You can smell the delicious meals from the streets as the children play together. Home can be anything you make it out to be. To me, home is what you make of it.”

ReStore Cont.: Meet the new Restore Staff, Tracy and Arturo



## HCAP Concrete Foundation at 123 Ave T South

On September 21st, 2011 a group of 18 Mount Royal High School Carpentry Apprentice (HCAP) Students along with 2 Mount Royal Staff members, 1 certified ARXX foundation trainer and 3 Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon employee's worked together to begin assembling the foundation for a Habitat for Humanity duplex at 123 Ave. T South. The work initially started in the classroom on September 20th with 2 Habitat for Humanity Staff members taking an ICF (insulated concrete formations) course with 18 Mount Royal High School Carpentry Apprentice Program Students.

This project was enjoyable and valuable because it paired high school students and Habitat staff members alongside the people with direct experience working in concrete foundations. The course was rewarding because the classroom component lead directly into the practical hands-on-learning component of the course. The real reward of the course was our direct involvement in creating something very worthwhile for the Saskatoon community. The end product was laying the foundation for a future duplex to be owned by a low-income, working family. To know that somewhere down the road, two families will be calling what was once an empty lot a home, provided a lot of satisfaction for all the people involved. In addition to creating the foundation for a low-income family students enrolled in the HCAP program are working towards contributing 900 hours towards their apprenticeship! Thanks to all and job well done!

HCAP and Habitat Staff doing the safety briefing



HCAP, Habitat finishing up the first "course" by assembling the formations, laying the rebar, zip tying, and then next course!



The completed ARXX ICF Course work is now ready for pouring and the foundation for the duplex will be set!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Audrey

“The summer is mine, the winter is Habitat’s” said Audrey the first time that I ever met her. Audrey thought that I was going to ask why she wasn’t spending more time in the ReStore during the summer. But I just wanted to find out more about her since I had heard so many great things from the ReStore staff.

Audrey has been a long time ReStore volunteer. In fact, Audrey moved with us from our former ReStore location to the [new spot on Avenue D](#), which we have been in for the past three years. Even though it is a little bit more work to get to the new location—the old location was within walking distance of her home—Audrey still spends her winters helping the ReStore staff with cabinet installation.

The answer was a resounding “no” when I asked Audrey if she ever got tired of putting together new cabinetry donated by local Saskatoon businesses. As it turns out, Audrey assembled cabinetry for many years in her professional working life.

If I had to pick just one interesting detail—which is hard to do for this one-of-a-kind spitfire—it would be that Audrey played ball for the Saskatoon Diamonds and City Hospital until her thirties.

And if you would like to meet this remarkable woman simply stop by the Habitat ReStore.

~ by Wendy MacDonald

*In some organizations, volunteers blend in with paid staff and, sometimes, it is taken for granted that they will always be around. Not anymore! Each newsletter we will be featuring one of our many wonderful volunteers. If you or someone you know should be featured in our newsletter, please contact us at [volunteer@habitatsaskatoon.ca](mailto:volunteer@habitatsaskatoon.ca)*



## Family Information Session:

Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon held a Family Information Session on September 14th, 2011. It was held at the Princess Alexandra Elementary School Gymnasium.

The Family Information Session was a huge success with over 72 people showing up to receive information on how to work towards obtaining a Habitat for Humanity affordable home. The event was presented by Executive Director, Barb Cox-Lloyd and Executive Administrator, Sharon Prediger. The Habitat for Humanity Selection Committee lead separate break-out information session circles.

A number of people had also demonstrated interest in volunteering and the Volunteer Coordinator was on site to provide them with the information they required. Many of the questions posed to Barb, Sharon and the Family Selection Committee were:

What do I need to qualify for a Habitat for Humanity Home? How many hours must I work toward my Habitat for Humanity Home? What are the requirements? What is the family size and what are the income level cut off amounts?

Such a large showing of interested families at the Family Information Session demonstrated an interest in affordable, low-income housing and in Habitat for Humanity’s crucial role in addressing their need as a builder, developer and community member.

The next date for a Family Information Session will be made public on the Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon Website.

# 2011 Womens' Build Appreciation Party

On September 12th Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon held a celebration to mark another successful Cameco Women Build! Volunteers, sponsors and Habitat staff were honored to have The Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston join them at the Delta Bessborough.

The project involved over 300 women volunteers in the construction of this Habitat home and over \$260,000 was raised- definitely a reason to celebrate!

His Excellency believes that philanthropy and volunteerism are key components in establishing a smart and caring nation, and has incorporated them into the three pillars of his mandate as the 28<sup>th</sup> governor general of Canada. The Governor General of Canada is a patron of Habitat for Humanity Canada.



Habitat family member Carrie Willey meets The Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston at the Volunteer Appreciation Party held at the Delta Bessborough. Thank you once again to all the donors and volunteers who truly made this project a success!

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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. This list includes donors since February 2011.

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