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Executive Director's Perspective



We are putting the final touches on the Phase 1, Robert Land Project. Fencing, sod laying, touch-ups etc. These houses have turned out beautifully and all four families are nicely settled into their new homes. It is a wonderful feeling to see the looks on the faces of these families as they transform their new houses into homes. Already we are seeing gardens emerging, and homey touches that turn houses into homes. When one of the young teens learned of the former Toronto Raptors basketball nets being used in the adjacent Eva Rothwell Centre, he ran to tell his mother of what a cool thing that was. These are the things that form lasting and fond memories of the homes we grow up in.

The warmth of emotions that drove the army of volunteers to build Phase 1 are now being trained on the property next door where we will be installing a central parking lot and constructing the 4 Phase 2 homes. Construction will get under way this fall and we will see them quickly take shape as we will be constructing the walls in advance, even before the foundation footings are in place. We are fortunate to once again see the return of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program students from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. These students bring to our builds a great deal of motivation and excellent training which translates into quality homes and a safe worksite.



Do you dream of paying off that mortgage?

Is the end in sight?
What if we asked you to make just one more payment? Instead of making that extra payment to your bank why not make one more payment to Habitat for Humanity Hamilton? It wouldn't be a payment, it would be a donation, you will get a tax receipt and sleep well in the knowledge that one extra mortgage payment from you helps to provide a roof for someone else.

Questions on how you can make this happen?
Go online [to donate now](#) or call Gail at the Habitat for Humanity Hamilton office. 905-560-6707 ext 108



LOBLAW PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CANADA

We are proud to announce that The Everyday Essentials™ brand has partnered for



Architectural Drawing - Phase Two

We also want to compliment our neighbour and partner, the Robert Land Community Association. This group operates the Eva Rothwell Centre, have done tremendous work to evolve the former school into a fully functioning community centre with a sports gymnasium, library and youth activities. This has meant that the partner families that are occupying the Habitat homes are able to provide their kids with resources that are typically hard to find.

Those looking to be involved with helping on the Phase 2 build are encouraged to get registered on our [Volunteer Hub](#) system found on our web site. If you have limited or no access to a computer, no worries, just call Paul de Courcy, our Volunteer Coordinator (905) 560-6707, ext 102, and he will help you get involved.

Thanks to everyone that helped make Phase 1 a huge success and now onwards to Phase 2 and helping transform the lives of four more families!

People Make the ReStore

Peter Unrau likes volunteering, helping people and sharing all he's learned. You'll find him in the Repair Shop.

Peter and his three siblings grew up in Beamsville, Ontario. As a little tyke he liked playing with trucks in the sand pile. As a youth he played baseball and football and was fascinated by anything that had wheels. In his teens and early twenties, when he wasn't working for and with his Dad, Peter coached Midget hockey and baseball, and was a member of the Kinsmen Club.

As the eldest son of a building contractor, Peter learned how to hammer, saw and read blueprints at a young age. After his father purchased an electrical contractor's business and appliance store, Peter took courses and taught himself how to repair televisions, and appliances. When his father's



3 years with [Habitat for Humanity Canada's 360 Built Smart Partnership](#).

As part of a new partnership, the Everyday Essentials TM brand has introduced specially designed products to benefit Habitat for Humanity Canada. The product will change each year!

The first product developed to benefit the cause is a set of four ceramic mugs housed in a hat box (as pictured above). The set of four striped mugs will retail for \$10 and the net proceeds (\$80,000 year for each of 3 years) will be donated to Habitat for Humanity Canada to help support the 360 Built Smart Partnership

Launched in Stores August 5th!: The Habitat for Humanity Canada mug set will be sold at Loblaw banner stores across Canada, including Real Canadian Superstore, Nofrills, Wholesale Clubs, and Fortinos.

So tell your friends, neighbours, volunteers, and people passing on the street to run in to their local store and purchase a set for only \$10 and help support Habitat for Humanity Canada! Once they're gone, there are no more!

health began to decline, the construction business was closed and a second appliance and television store opened. After his father passed away, Peter managed the new store.

On August 1, 1970, Peter married Bonnie Girvan. The couple decided to live in Ottawa because Bonnie had a permanent teaching contract there. Peter handed the store over to his brother and mother, and went job hunting for the first time in his life. He was hired by Ottawa Gas, a division of Consumers Gas, as a Direct Sales representative. The couple's daughter Leigh-Anne was born in Ottawa. Peter later worked for two furnace manufacturers in their Sales and Marketing divisions. Unfortunately, the more responsibility he was given, the more he was required to travel. The family moved from Ottawa to Chatham to Brampton. In 1996, Peter opened his own Sales Agency, and in December 2009 decided to retire. He felt that he'd experienced a rewarding work career, was enjoying working at Ryerson Camp with other church volunteers much more than working in business, and that it was time to give back.

Peter and his wife now live in Caledonia. He's thankful that at last he can spend more time with his family. Peter is an active member at Grace United Church and still a dedicated Ryerson Camp volunteer. He plays in a Hand Bell Choir, is helping to restore a Methodist cemetery, and is a member of the Caledonia Men's Club.

When asked how he became a Habitat volunteer, Peter answered that he was introduced to Habitat about 20 years ago by Bob Villa on his PBS program "This Old House". He read articles after seeing the show and knew this was a volunteer organization that interested him and could use his skills. After moving to Caledonia, he spoke with Rev. Bob Thompson who has been involved with Habitat for several years. Peter has been a ReStore volunteer for approximately two years.

Why is Peter still at the ReStore? He enjoys working there and knows Habitat values volunteers. When asked what he's learned while volunteering, Peter replied that the amount of 'waste' in our world astounds him. It's good to know that the ReStore is helping to recycle things and keep them out of land fill.



Participants in WIST
Reflections by Volunteer C. Gibson

When I decided that I wanted to volunteer my time on a build site with Habitat for Humanity I was a bit nervous. I'd never done particularly well in shop class, and although I have spent a fair amount of time helping to build houses I'm still afraid of saws and drills. As I approached the Robert Land build site, I imagined how disappointed the workers there might feel knowing that they were going to have to train another rookie. The first thing I noticed upon entering the site was a group of women wearing hardhats and directing one another around. Suddenly, I felt much less nervous.

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