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2011 Reflections

Bob McConkey - Executive Director

'Tis Christmas once again and the end of another amazing year for Habitat for Humanity Hamilton! A year ago at this time we were into Phase One of the Robert Land Build. Our build project was being actively worked on by OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) students and participants of the YWCA Women in Trades Program. Work progressed through the winter and spring and by August we had all the homes completed and all 4 partner families moved in. What a joyous experience to get to that point. That was our very first multiple build project and while it came off with its share of hiccups, in the end we were able to house 4 more wonderful families in simple, decent and affordable homes. We estimated that more than 1,000 people touched our Phase One project. Indeed it takes a community to help provide adequate housing for all.

While getting the families into the homes is the most important success of the year, there were others. We completed all 4 homes virtually on target with the budget set for them. In addition, we retired a property purchase loan of \$80,000 at the same time! This means that our affiliate is debt free and has increased our two main revenue streams, being the ReStore and the mortgage money. All mortgage money paid into our affiliate is turned around and invested into building more homes. The ReStore has had another very successful year increasing sales by 10% over last year's. Another significant success this year has been the creation and implementation of our Voices for Habitat program which is being delivered by our Faith Relations Committee. These wonderful evenings of inspirational song, fellowship and free will offerings has opened the doors for the Faith Community to support our mission. Our Build Committee continued to oversee the build activity and supported our staff team with guidance and insights. The development of our Corporate Team Build Days provided an opportunity for members of our corporate community to bring out folks from their teams to help build our homes and sharing not just cash but labour for that extra special feeling that comes from giving back to the community that also supports them.

And the good news does not stop there.....[READ MORE](#)

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The ReStore is now on Facebook!

You can now like us on Facebook. Along with posting new items and specials in the store, you can keep up with other ReStore events and happenings. We will also continue to have similar items on Kijiji.ca, you can look in Hamilton area and type HFH into the search box anytime!



If you haven't gotten your Christmas Tree yet, we still have quite a few 7 ½ and 9 foot artificial trees starting at just \$50.00 up to \$150.00 while supplies last!

Habitat by the Numbers

OPEN HOUSE



**VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR
REASON TO CELEBRATE**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
HABITAT HAMILTON'S OPEN HOUSE
285 NASH RD NORTH
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST
5:30 TO 7:00 PM**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

RSVP - VOLUNTEERS@HABITATHAMILTON.CA

[CLICK here](#) if you can join us.

Creativity at the Build - Round 2

Those folks who have been involved in the Corporate build days have been at it again. Click on the collage below and help us select the most creative from this round.



Last news you our readers selected Stantec Hamilton as the most creative. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the team and their creation.

Good Neighbours

7 minutes
somewhere in the
world a Habitat home
is built.

6,328 hours
volunteered to
operate the ReStore.

852 registered
volunteers through
Volunteer Hub.

450,000 value of
product donated by
Corporate partners to
ReStore.

1,350 average cost to
build a Habitat home
in Egypt.

20,000 amount tithed
by Habitat
Hamilton to Egypt to
assist in home
construction

16,503 hours by
volunteers to make
Phase One a reality

0 amount of
donations or grants
that are applied to
Habitat administration

100 percent of
donated funds that go
directly to build
homes.



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Since 1998, State Farm has donated over 3.2 million dollars to help Canadians in the areas of education, safety and community development. For more than fifteen years, State Farm has been a Corporate Sponsor of Habitat for Humanity and since 2007, the official Corporate Sponsor of Habitat's youth programs. *

On October 5, 2011, 'good neighbors' from State Farm helped build a home for future 'good neighbors' at the Robert Land Development.

[READ MORE about these Good Neighbors](#)

There's No Place Like Home ...



**Help Habitat Hamilton
make the dream come true**

Be a Dream Maker by clicking on the picture
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for HOME BUILDING. Tax Receipts will be issued for
gifts received prior to DEC 31 for the 2011 tax year. Funds
received after that date will apply to the 2012 tax year.