



Habitat for Humanity®
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Canada

A hand up for families in need

Building Homes. Building Hope

NORTHERN HOUSING CONFERENCE

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- Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit organization
- Vision
 - A world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live
- Mission
 - To mobilize community partners and volunteers in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty
- Habitat for Humanity International
 - 100 countries
 - 350,000 homes
 - 1.75 million people - provided safe, decent and affordable housing
 - Today delivering a house every 21 minutes

- Habitat for Humanity Canada was founded in 1985 with the formation of the first Canadian affiliate in Winkler, Manitoba.
- Nationwide, there are now 73 affiliates and 61 ReStores in 10 provinces and two territories.
- As of today, with help from over 50,000 volunteers, Habitat for Humanity Canada has served almost 1,800 families nationwide.

- Using monetary donations, volunteer labour and donated materials, Habitat purchases land, builds homes and sells them to partner families with no down payment and zero-interest mortgages that are geared to income.



- Affordable mortgages reduce the financial stress on families, allowing them to take care of other needs such as childcare, transportation, groceries, education, clothing, etc.
- Partner families' monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that is used to build homes for other families in need.

Make affordable housing accessible to low income families

- Core Program – Homeownership through partnership
 - **Habitat Homes**
 - Constructed using donated funds, material and labour
 - Sold to partner families through a no-profit, no-interest mortgage
 - Finance with payments set at 30% of gross income or less
 - Supporting additional families when mortgage payments are invested
 - **Partner families become part of their own housing solution**
 - Contribute sweat equity and participate in valuable training and preparation
 - Obtain access to affordable housing, help families build equity for the future

- **ReStore**
 - Sell donated new and used building supplies
 - Divert building products away from land fills
- **ReNew It**
 - Assist low-income home-owners with repairs and minor renovations
- **Sustainable Building**
 - Promotes recognized green building practices
- **Women Build**
 - Opportunity for women to raise funds, build homes, raise awareness for affordable housing
- **Global Village Canada**
 - Canadians work in developing countries and disaster stricken areas
 - Build simple, decent affordable housing
- **Aboriginal Housing Program**
 - Homeownership for low income households

- Aboriginal Housing Program – A Pilot
- A Partnership between Habitat for Humanity and CMHC
 - Expressly designed to help more Aboriginal families access Habitat homes, on and off reserve
 - Other important partners include: Aboriginal housing organizations, Aboriginal leaders and community; other levels of government; and industry



HOMES BUILT/PLANNED UNDER AHP – JANUARY 2011			
	Built/Occupied/ready for occupancy	Under construction/renovation /discussion	MOU/Agreements signed
Ontario	5	2	
Manitoba	15		5
Alberta*	2	5	13
TOTAL	22	7	20

- Alberta longer term agreement 15-20 units annually.
- **Approximately 40-45 units by end of 2011**
 - 22 homes build and occupied by partner Aboriginal families
 - 5 homes to be occupied early 2011
 - Agreements signed – 20
 - Longer Term commitment of 15-20 units annually in Alberta
- ✓ **Many more units out side of AHP**

Home Sweet Home

Joshua Smoke gets into the 'swing' of home ownership with Mom April Smoke

Partners

- HFH – Northumberland
- Alderville First Nation
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program Participants

Ground Braking – May 2009

Home Dedication – September 2009







Windsor-Essex built for First Nation

First Ontario build in partnership

- HFH Windsor – Essex
- Can-Am Urban Native Non-Profit Homes
- City of Windsor
- **Ground Breaking - August 2009**
- **Home Dedication December 2009**







- Partners
 - Habitat London
 - Trojan Technologies
 - The City of London
 - 10 local builder/developers
- Ground Breaking – Early 2010
- Dedication – June 2010





- Two projects
- **First Project** -10 homes
 - Habitat Winnipeg
 - Manitoba Métis Federation
 - Government of Manitoba
 - Sustainable Forestry Industry
- Ten houses built and sold to partner families in 2009 -2010
- **Second Project** – 10 homes
 - Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council
 - Five homes under construction
 - Occupancy in late November and early next year
 - Second sets of five houses in 2011



- HFH – Edmonton - Two Projects Planned
- **First project**
 - Agreement signed with First Nation Housing Development Corporation/TSAG
 - Build 10 units – 2010/2011
 - Enbridge an important partner
 - Two homes under construction
 - One family selected and other underway
 - Balance under consideration for 2011
- **Second Project – A Pilot**
- Partnership Agreement under final negotiations between HFH –Edmonton and Métis Capital Housing Corporation of Alberta
- To renovate and sale 5 units coming off the operating subsidies to Métis families
 - Units to be transferred to HFH – Edmonton
 - HFH to fund, renovate and sell units to qualified Métis families

- **HFH – Thunder Bay**
 - Retrofit and Expansion

- **Barrie**
 - Semidetached home - planned
 - Did not materialize

■ Demand

- Awareness – Aboriginal community
- Marketing outreach
 - Aboriginal housing conferences
 - Communication - Testimonies in local Aboriginal media

■ Supply

- Continued support from affiliates
 - Partnership in developing strategy
- Resources
- Creative Partnership
 - Correction Canada
 - Aboriginal Housing Authorities
 - Academic institutions
 - Large Corporations
 - Development and Building industry

- AHP Development Projects
 - New Construction
 - Retrofit
 - On Reserves
 - Aboriginal families living outside Reserves
- Transforming AHP Pilot to Sustainable Program
 - Warrants addressing supply and demand of Aboriginal housing
 - Partnership and support needed from Aboriginal community
- Seeking partners willing to work with Habitat in building future of our Aboriginal families

- Interested First Nations contact Habitat for Humanity
 - Collaborate/Partner with Habitat
 - Identify Aboriginal families that would qualify to be potential partner family
 - Participate
 - Securing needed resources
 - Participating in Construction activities
 - Capacity and training
 - Celebration of home dedication
 - First Nations interested in partnering with Habitat Contact
 - Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay
 - Habitat for Humanity, Aboriginal Housing Program



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Thank you

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