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Cementation Build Day a Success

On Saturday November 12th, 16 Cementation Canada Employees, family and friends along with a few Habitat for Humanity Volunteers joined together for a Cementation Canada sponsored Build Day. The crew worked together from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, managing to get most of the dry-wall up on the main floor. The only thing that stopped this crew was the loss of natural sunlight.

Along with their generous donation of Cementation people power and time. Cementation Canada Inc. also made a generous cash donation.

Thank you to the Cementation Team for sponsoring such a great fun-filled build day and



Roy Slack president of Cementation Canada works with Joyce Lin an Engineer at Cementation.



The Cementation Canada team and homeowner Kirsten Simpson hang drywall in the living room

for providing the tasty lunch for all workers.

Build days are great for team-building and show that a company cares about the community and about helping low-income families benefit from the hand up to homeownership. If you are interested in arranging a Build Day for your company please contact us at info@habitatnorthbay.com and we would be happy to assist you.

Participating companies enjoy onsite media recognition, recognition on our website and in our newsletter and are invited to the Dedication Ceremony, where we hand over the keys to our excited Partner Family.

New Chairperson Selected

Habitat for Humanity North Bay and Blue Sky Region would like to welcome John Humble as our new Chair.

As our new chair John, among his other duties, will preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, oversee the activities

of the various committees while working toward a shared strategic goal and will represent our affiliate at community gatherings and Habitat meetings.

Thank you John, for taking on this big responsibility.



Habitat for Humanity on the Move

Habitat for Humanity North Bay and Blue Sky Region's office will be moving to our new space located at 269 Main Street West The Royal Theatre, Suite 206 on December 1, 2011. We would like to thank corporate sponsor C&C Properties, for partnering with us in this new venture.

This new office space comes complete with two office spaces, a storage room and a conference room.

We are currently working on securing gently used office furniture to complete our new profes-

sional look.

Starting on December 2, 2011 all committee meetings, General Meetings and Board of Director Meetings will take place at this new location.

Parking is available on the street as well as two hours free parking at the municipal parking lot on Oak Street. To access our offices, enter through the Royal Theatre doors, next to Star Trax and proceed to the second floor.



Family Selection /Partnering Committee

As always the Family Selection and Partnering Committee has been taking its responsibility of keeping strong ties with our partner families seriously. Each family has been assigned a Habitat for Humanity Partner who works closely with the family to help make the hard decisions that come with home ownership and keep the families informed on what is happening within the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

On the family selection front the committee has decided not to open up selection of a new family at this time, as there is partner family currently waiting for a home. This decision will be reviewed at the Committee's meeting in March.

Building Committee



Jake from Jake and Elise Lacourse Construction has been working around the clock with his crew and Habitat volunteers in order to have our 2011 build completed by December 1, 2011. Jake has taken the time to share valuable construction skills with our volunteers and

has also been involved as Chair of the Building Committee

We extend a big thank you to Jake Lacourse for helping us to make a record breaking completion of this build. The house was finished on time for the Dedication Ceremony

which took place on December 4, 2011.

Thank you to Jake and all of our volunteers for making this the ultimate Christmas for our Partner Family.

Fund Development Committee



The Fund Development Committee has been hard at work. We recently pulled off a fabulous bake sale raising much needed funds for our local Habitat Affiliate.

This year the committee decided to try something new. In Novem-

November 5, 2011, Habitat for Humanity Bake Sale.

ber The Fund Raising Committee also initiated a Poinsettia Campaign during which poinsettias were on sale for the Christmas Season.

The Fund Development Committee could use your help in planning and organizing our fundraisers.

The basic goal of the Fund Development Committee is to develop innovative donation and fundraising programs. These programs will assist Habitat for Humanity North

Bay and Blue Sky Region in having enough funds to to construct housing for low income families.

Faith Relations Committee

The Faith Relations Committee is currently in need a chair.

The purpose of the Faith Relations Committee is to build long-lasting relationships with various faith communities in North Bay and Blue Sky Region that will faithfully partner with Habitat for Humanity in fulfilling its mission of providing safe, decent, afford-

able housing for lower-income families.

The committee chair along with the rest of the team members spread the word of Habitat to local congregations and youth groups, help to organize events to raise funds for home builds and affiliate operations, assemble church members to help provide

meals to the build site and/or to participate in the builds, and support partner families in becoming members of the faith community when desired.

If you are interested in becoming the chair of this committee, joining this committee or any other committee please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Lise Roy at volunteer@habitatnorthbay.com.

Message from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors takes this opportunity to thank our National, Community and Corporate Sponsors for their generous support. We also thank our countless volunteers who gave so generously of their time to make the 2011 build, dedicated to the memory of Judy Shea, respected and well known local lawyer. A special thank you to the City of North Bay

for helping us procure this lot and for providing us with much needed support in bringing this build to a satisfactory conclusion."

We also send a huge thank you to Harry Cumings, our site supervisor, whose unwavering six day a week commitment to managing the build site, is exemplary. Thank you, Harry.



Harry Cumings at the Build site.



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Building Homes, Building Hope

Our Mission

Our mission is to form community and national partnerships so that together we may provide affordable housing to selected families in need in the North Bay and Blue Sky Region.

Our Vision

- We believe that we can enhance the quality of life for low income families by creating opportunities for families in need to realize their dream of home ownership.
- We seek to partner with families who can afford to maintain a home and who share Habitat's values of partnership by committing 500 hours of sweat equity as an obligatory condition of home ownership.
- We believe in giving a hand up, not a hand out.
- We believe that by building homes, we build hope.



Habitat Around the World

Global Village Program

The Global Village volunteer program consists of short-term house-building trips designed to give concerned people the opportunity to observe and contribute to Habitat for Humanity's work first hand. Teams of eight to twenty volunteers spend a week or more building houses in partnership with families in need of a simple, decent place to live.

Global Village teams bring invaluable support to the communities they visit. Their concentrated people power and enthusiasm give homeowners a real boost. More homes are built each year because of the donation Global Village teams make to the hosting Habitat affiliates. Volunteers do not need prior building experience. If you have a sense of adventure, are in good health and willing to work hard, you can be

part of a Global Village team. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or be part of an organized school, faith or service group.



A Global Village trip can be a life changing experience. It's an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of development issues, to learn more about another culture and about yourself. You will be more than a tourist. You will be welcomed into the community by your hosts and introduced to the local

culture as a guest. You will work and laugh together, share stories, make friends. As you let go of many of the comforts of home you start to focus on things that really matter.

The Global Village Program assists in places such as Hawaii, China, Thailand, El Salvador and Chile.

To learn more about the global village program visit their website at www.habitatglobalvillage.ca.