

Volunteer Profile: Ruth Bullivant

Without the support and dedication of volunteers like Ruth Bullivant, Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg could not fulfill its mission of building safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income working families.

Ruth has been traveling to Winnipeg from her home in Calgary to volunteer during the Blitz Build week each year since 2001! She became interested in HFHW when the Ed Schreyer Work Project* constructed a home to celebrate the 100th build by Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg on Langside Street.



Not only does Ruth make substantial financial contributions to Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg, but she also volunteers in our food services program. During Blitz Builds, our small crew of food services volunteers orchestrates a lunch and coffee break program for our more than 150 home construction volunteers each day.



According to Ruth, who has traveled to and volunteered for many Habitat affiliates, "Winnipeg's Blitz Builds are the best. Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg is so organized and the builds are full of excitement," she says. "What keeps me coming back are the families Habitat helps. It's great to get to know them and make a difference in their lives." Ruth gets to know all our homeowners by name and really enjoys being a part of their journey into home ownership.

Ruth plans to keep coming to Winnipeg as long as she can, and we are lucky to have her. Her enthusiasm, helpfulness, and cheerful nature is appreciated by all. Thank you, Ruth! You have truly made an impact and touched the lives of Habitat staff, volunteers and our partner families.

**Ed and Lily Schreyer's association with Habitat for Humanity began in 1993 when he was recruited at the Jimmy Carter Work Project running in both Kitchener, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The following year the Schreyer family's commitment to Habitat for Humanity began with a new*

initiative, the "Homes Across Canada Tour." This tour, which continued through 1995 and 1996, saw various Canadian cities participate in building homes in their community. Additionally, 1996 marked the participation of the Schreyer family in the Jimmy Carter Work Project in Budapest, Hungary.

In 1997, the first of the Ed Schreyer Work Projects was launched in St John's Newfoundland. In subsequent years, Ed Schreyer Work Projects have been successfully completed in Regina (1998), Halifax-Dartmouth (1999), Windsor (2000), and Winnipeg (2001).