

Affordable Housing for Metis Families

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg (HFHW) and the Winnipeg Metis Association (WMA) developed a partnership agreement in the spring of 2008 to help address the need for more affordable housing for low-income Metis families living in Winnipeg.

There is a dire need for affordable housing in our city, especially for Aboriginal populations. Slightly more than one third of Manitoba's Aboriginal people are Metis, and they are the fastest growing Aboriginal group in Canada. We jointly feel that homeownership is a proactive solution to strengthen the lives of Metis families which in turn benefits the entire community.

HFHW and the WMA are working toward building 10 new energy-efficient homes over the next two years. The new homes will cost \$1.5 million to construct and the Province of Manitoba has committed to contributing \$1 million towards the program. The remaining \$500,000 needs to be raised through various HFHW fundraising efforts.



Felicia Morrisseau and Arnold Asham from the Asham Stompers perform at the official announcement of the HFHW Metis Build.

A direct mail piece was sent out in early March to raise awareness about the program and to reach out for financial support.

Interested families must meet the same eligibility requirements as all of our applicants., i.e. they have to be working full-time and they must be considered low-income as defined by Statistics Canada. In addition, there must be at least one child in the family unit, and they are required to complete at least 350 hours of sweat equity before being eligible to purchase a Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg home.

This is an incredible opportunity – you can open a door to a brighter future for a local Metis family – act now! 100% of your donation will go towards building a home. Your generous gift will forever change the lives of many individuals and will be a positive legacy for our

city.

If you would like further information about the Metis partnership or would like to make a donation, please visit www.habitat.mb.ca, call (204) 233-5160, Ext. 0, or e-mail info@habitat.mb.ca