

**Hats Off To You!**

**Our Volunteers**

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers help at the Committee and Board level, at our special events, in our ReStore, and are most heavily involved in our house building program. We truly appreciate everyone who lends us their hands! Our most visible volunteer involvement is during our Blitz Build. From July 18 to 24 we had over 1600 volunteers that built eleven homes on McCalmán Avenue. The energy, enthusiasm, excitement and goodwill that emanates from the build site is amazing!



The Blitz Build would not be possible without the support we receive from the volunteers who were busy preparing foundations upon which to build the homes. They started in May and were responsible for putting the basement floors in, building the stairs and the main floors in each home.



We had over 250 volunteers a day to feed and with the support of many organizations who prepared, donated, and helped serve the food, our ravished builders were able to re-fuel and keep going throughout Blitz Build week. Thank you food volunteers.

In May, Habitat Winnipeg hosted the Annual General Meeting and Conference for Habitat Canada, and to commemorate that week, we had volunteers from the Delta Hotel help build one of our homes, which was temporarily located in the church yard of St. Mary's Cathedral in downtown Winnipeg. We have since moved that home to its foundation on Charles Street where another crew of volunteers came out and completed the framing for the house.

Finally, throughout 2009, two other homes are being constructed by Apprenticeship Manitoba's trades instructors and students. These students are getting first hand experience with their trade by completing two homes for Habitat in 2009– one on Victor Street, and one on Toronto Street.

Thank you to all of our Volunteers – we couldn't do it without you!

**Special Prize Winners**

Congratulations to Sue Morrison on winning the GRAND PRIZE of a Gourmet dinner for six provided by Hans Schweitzer, Chef of the Year for 2007, and the team captain for The Culinary Olympics. Sue bought the raffle ticket whose proceeds have

helped in the fundraising for the Cycle of Hope home being built on McCalman Ave. Congratulations also goes out to Hugette Chartrand who's ticket was drawn for the SECOND PRIZE of a Sunset Gourmet gift basket, provided by Margaret Kennedy, Consultant for Sunset Gourmet Food Company.



*Hans Schweitzer, Sue Morrison, and Frank Hetzler, one of the Cycle of Hope cyclists*

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore instituted a monthly customer appreciation draw for a \$50 gift certificate for the ReStore. The lucky winner for the month of June was Kenny Warkentin.

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent survey that was included in the last printed *The Builder* newsletter. The lucky winner of the Delta Hotel gift certificate is Patrick Grace (who is donating his prize back to Habitat) and the winner of the Christmas Gift Set donated by The Thoughtful Touch, is Michaela Ditchfield. Congratulations!

### **Third Party Fundraisers**

Thank you to the Youth Group at Mary Mother of the Church Parish for assembling and selling bird houses at a Coffee House evening and having a silver collection for HFHW. They raised \$430!

Tan FX May Cares month was a great success and allowed Tan FX Salons to support the organizations within their community. Thank you to Tan FX Waverley who donated \$427.00!

Congratulations to the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate's Youth in Philanthropy committee for participating in the Winnipeg Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program and for selecting Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg as one of their grant recipients. They presented Kim Wilson, Habitat's Director, Fund Development with the \$1,000 grant directed towards the Metis Build on May 12, 2009. Thank you!



### **Annual Sweet Summer Sale!**

HFHW's ReStore held its 2nd annual Sweet Summer Sale on Thursday July 23rd! The ReStore offered 20% off all its home improvement and home décor products and customer's enjoyed hot dogs and drinks, while some were lucky enough to win "spot prizes" throughout the day! Thank you to all of the donors whose products we sell in the ReStore, and to Maple Leaf Foods, Bill Knight Flooring, The Home Depot, and Robinson Lighting for supporting the sale with hotdogs and prizes. Ace Burpee and Lloyd the Intern from Hot 103 Live broadcast live from the ReStore from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Thank you to everyone who supports the ReStore's role in reducing items sent to our landfills.



For more information regarding the ReStore, please contact Brenda Mulvaney, General Manager, ReStore, at [bmulvaney@habitat.mb.ca](mailto:bmulvaney@habitat.mb.ca) or (204) 233-5160, Ext. 214. For large and corporate donations to the ReStore please contact Janice Sells, or Amber van den Broek ([jsells@habitat.mb.ca](mailto:jsells@habitat.mb.ca), [avandenbroek@habitat.mb.ca](mailto:avandenbroek@habitat.mb.ca))