

## Apprenticeship & Habitat for Humanity - A successful partnership



Apprenticeship Manitoba is the Habitat for Humanity Youth Build Sponsor in 2009, with the trade apprentices having an opportunity to provide the labour to build two homes for Habitat. Apprenticeship Manitoba is excited about this partnership as it raises the profile of apprenticeship in our community, supports a great cause and provides classes of apprentices, pre-employment students and vocational students with the opportunity to get a unique and rewarding experience in their trade.

The kick off began in April on 761 Toronto Street and with that home under way, they started their second home at 371 Victor Street.



Apprenticeship Manitoba's own Apprenticeship Training Coordinators (ATC's) have taken the lead role on the build sites working along with instructors to provide encouragement to the men and women who have volunteered their time to this worthy cause and to help encourage them to continue on with their apprenticeship career path. This has been a new initiative for government and a very rewarding one.

All staff involved on both sides have taken a great deal of pride from their accomplishments and look forward to the continuation of these projects.

Sean Ramsey (ATC) commented that "one of the best parts of this project has been the real jobsite experience for pre-employment students and prospective apprentices. It has given them such a great opportunity to practice what they've been learning and hone their skills on the job".

As Habitat for Humanity is one of the largest most recognized volunteer organizations in the world, Apprenticeship Manitoba have been happy to play a small part in making someone's life better and offering them the opportunity in having a home.