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******* Media Alert *******

Photo Opportunity

**Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg builds a home in
St. Mary's Cathedral churchyard and partners with Winnipeg Harvest, Delta
Winnipeg and St. Mary's Cathedral to bring hope this spring!**

Volunteers will be on site constructing the home.

WHAT:

From May 11th – 23rd, thanks to the generosity of St. Mary's Cathedral, Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg will be building a home in the churchyard across from Delta Winnipeg just in time for Habitat Canada's national conference and AGM, which is being held at Delta Winnipeg. Once completed, the house will be moved to its permanent location on Charles Street for a deserving Winnipeg family to purchase.

A new Tin and a Toonie campaign will be a neighbourhood wide initiative drawing in donations for both Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg and Winnipeg Harvest. We welcome Winnipeggers to come down and observe the action as the house is constructed at the Cathedral. Donations can be dropped off at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Delta Winnipeg, or the build site from May 11th – 22nd.

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg is delighted to announce that Delta Hotel & Resorts, who has a national partnership with Habitat for Humanity, has been instrumental in developing and supporting this project. Delta Winnipeg has taken on their own fundraising initiative within the hotel and restaurant to raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg, and Delta Winnipeg employees have volunteered to build the home in "their own backyard"!

Around the neighbourhood, businesses such as Manitoba Public Insurance, Workers Compensation Board and the Winnipeg Convention Centre are also getting in on the excitement of the event. Employees are working together to develop 3rd party fundraising initiatives to support Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg during the build at St. Mary's Cathedral.

WHO:

Sandy Hopkins, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg; David Northcott, CEO, Winnipeg Harvest; Helen Halliday, General Manager, Delta Winnipeg; Father Michael K. Koryluk, St. Mary's Cathedral; construction volunteers; Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg staff.

WHEN:

Monday, May 11, 2009

Photos and interviews: 1:00 p.m.

Food and beverages to follow courtesy Delta Winnipeg

WHERE:

St Mary's Cathedral church yard, 353 St. Mary Avenue

Media are also invited to follow the build from the 11th until it is moved to its permanent location on Charles Street on May 25th. Time of move is yet to be determined.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact:

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