



Habitat for Humanity reaches milestone: 400,000 homes built or repaired since 1976

More than 2 million people around the world served through better housing

Winnipeg, MB, Dec. 13, 2010 – Habitat for Humanity internationally surpassed its 400,000 house milestone during its most recent fiscal year. Since the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976, its self-help, hand-up model has resulted in rehabbed, repaired or new housing for more than 2 million people worldwide.

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg (HFHW) is part of this global effort and has built 199 homes since 1987. HFHW has expanded its territory to include building homes throughout Manitoba (excluding Brandon as it is a separate affiliate) and Northwestern Ontario. The Habitat Winnipeg affiliate has plans to build 19 homes within the City of Winnipeg and several more outside the city, and beyond.

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg continues its efforts to help families in need of safe, decent, affordable housing. We are happy to have helped Habitat for Humanity reach this important milestone in bettering communities across the country,” said Sandy Hopkins, CEO of Habitat Winnipeg. “With continued support from our partners, sponsors and volunteers, we are able to increase our capacity of home building each year to meet the needs of many low-income working families to purchase.

In fiscal year 2010, Habitat for Humanity served a record 74,960 families worldwide through a combination of new construction, rehabilitation and repairs. Habitat also helped an additional 6,355 families establish legal rights to a house or land, and provided more than 46,964 individuals with technical assistance ranging from legal help to construction advice or training.

“We are pleased that even in this difficult economy, Habitat for Humanity has been able to help a record number of families around the world have a better place to live,” said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. “Our affiliates are the backbone of Habitat’s efforts. Their hard work and dedication have made this milestone possible. We are grateful for the work of Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg.”

Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 300,000th home in 2008, its 200,000th home in 2005 and the 100,000th home in 2000. By 2013, Habitat for Humanity hopes to assist 100,000 families worldwide annually with new or improved housing.

A copy of Habitat for Humanity International’s fiscal year 2010 annual report, “What We Build,” is now available online at <http://www.habitat.org/support/report/default.aspx>. The report gives a snapshot of Habitat’s work around the world.

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg is a local affiliate of the international non-profit registered charity committed to eliminating poverty housing and dedicated to making safe, decent and affordable housing for purchase by low -income working families.

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