



## Two Habitat for Humanity homes being built and funded by Manitoba Home Builders Association

**Winnipeg, MB, August 31, 2012:** Habitat for Humanity Manitoba (HFHM) has two more reasons to celebrate during its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the Manitoba Home Builders Association (MHBA) is building two Habitat homes for the organization. The MHBA decide to commemorate its 75 years of community service by utilizing its huge network of builders, installers and retail suppliers to donate all materials and services, including the required labour force to start building the Habitat homes today in St.Vital on Moore Avenue.

“The MHBA shares common ground with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba of having a long history of providing services within the community,” says MHBA President Michael Moore. “The two milestone anniversaries occurring in the same year make for a good fit to accomplish a first for the association by sponsoring and building two homes for Habitat Manitoba.”

The MHBA members responded quickly as donations, materials and services were added to the list of the necessary requirements to build the homes. “The MHBA has always supported Habitat through some of its individual members, but having the whole association coordinate this kind of effort and make such a huge undertaking happen is great for us, the future homeowner families, and the community as a whole,” says Sandy Hopkins, Habitat’s CEO.

The double-sized lot at 25 Moore Avenue was purchased by HFHM last year with the abandoned house removed to make room for the two newly dug foundations. Construction is underway with Habitat construction crews directing the flow of donated materials and the scheduling of labour provided by the MHBA.

The two first-time homeowners will help build their own homes under the direction of construction crews to help complete the 500 ‘sweat equity’ hours required through Habitat’s no down payment, interest-free mortgage plan. “This is a dream come true, to help build and be able to afford and provide a safe home for our children to grow. As parents, we are very grateful for this opportunity and take great pride in becoming homeowners.” says Tahir, father to the family’s six children. The two excited families are scheduled to move in this fall.

*Habitat for Humanity Manitoba is a local affiliate of an 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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