



The Builder



First year construction at Riverbend Suburb on Fernbank and Main Street.

Construction continuing on two large scale Habitat developments

Since 2009 Habitat Manitoba's main accumulation of home construction has been at its Sir Sam Steele development. The organization prefers large scale developments as they are less taxing on its infrastructure while being an ideal setting for mass 'Blitz Builds'.

Having finished the original three-year initiative at Sir Sam Steele in 2011 by building a total of 32 homes, Habitat purchased another large parcel of land in the suburb of Riverbend, at Fernbank and Main Street that will occupy 20 homes when completed in 2013.

As timing would have it, the Sir Sam Steele site became active for Habitat again through the recent purchase and removal of the old and vacant school. This will allow Habitat to build 18 more homes over the next two years, making for an overall total of 50 homes at the site.

"We are very fortunate that we could make these land deals happen and by doing so, have two large scale developments to build on for the next couple of years, says Habitat Manitoba CEO, Sandy Hopkins. "These create a lot of attention and

help to further raise the profile of what we do for families and communities. We are continuously looking for more large development sites as they enable us to build more efficiently and contain costs."

The Riverbend Suburb site was home to this year's Blitz Build, as Habitat crew and volunteers built eight homes (four side by side units) over a two week period. The final phase of the development will see two more homes constructed this year with the remaining ten completed most likely in 2013.



Making room at Sir Sam Steele site for 18 more homes.

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Homeowner PROFILE

In February 2008, Norberto and Joseann packed up their young family and moved from their home in the Philippines to start a new life in Canada. With high hopes and big dreams for the future, nothing could have prepared them for what turned into the most difficult year of their lives.

After two months in Winnipeg, Joseann and Norberto took their kids to visit a family doctor. Victor, their second son, was then referred to see several specialists. He had a heart defect corrected when he was first born, but Norberto and Joseann were warned their son may need to undergo further corrective surgery, which came about much sooner than they expected.

The family was sent to Vancouver for Victor's heart surgery. A month after a successful operation and recovery, the Child Development Clinic at the Winnipeg Children's Hospital diagnosed Victor with Spastic Cerebral Palsy. As Victor was unable to walk, talk, or feed himself, Joseann had no choice but to stay home to accommodate all of the necessary doctor appointments and therapy classes.

In the summer of 2008, the family of five moved into a main floor, one bedroom apartment, converting the den area into a room for Paul and Victor. Joseann and Norberto paid \$1000 per month rent and while they knew cheaper space was available, not being on the ground floor would cause too many difficulties for Victor, as he required a wheelchair.

The lack of space became a growing concern for Norberto and Joseann, as Victor needs many types of special equipment to live comfortably. This equipment takes up a significant amount of space and has the family constantly stepping over and

around it in the already cramped apartment. The bathroom is also very small and is extremely difficult for Joseann to maneuver Victor in and out of the bathtub. As he grows up, this will become a next to impossible task.

There is a small patio with green space nearby but the landlord won't allow children to play on it. Norberto and Joseann knew this apartment was inadequate for their family needs but couldn't afford to move anywhere more suitable.

Life changed for the better when their son's support worker suggested applying to Habitat for Humanity Manitoba where they were soon accepted. The family is very excited to be a partner with Habitat, especially knowing their accessible home will be built to accommodate Victor's needs. Their home will be paid for by Cycle of Hope, Habitat's longest running fundraiser.

The boys will finally have a place to play and their own rooms to personalize.

There will be proper space to store Victor's equipment safely. Most importantly, Joseann and Norberto will be able to create a happy and healthy home where the whole family can grow and prosper.

"Habitat had given us hope and is helping us move forward to reach the goals we set before. Our family is very fortunate to meet wonderful people who are willing to help us, from my son's social worker, team of therapists, co-members from the Cerebral Palsy Association, support workers, the Habitat and ReStore staff, and the Cycle of Hope riders. The support, kindness, generosity and care we have been given has been overwhelming. Sometimes we feel that we really haven't left home. So, from our family to yours, God bless and we'll see you at the site of the build." - Joseann



Norberto and Joseann with their children

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Along with the two large developments, there are many infill lots throughout various parts of the city, such as St.Vital, St.Boniface and Elmwood that are due to have homes completed by end of year, making for a very busy time for Habitat construction crews and dedicated volunteers.

The need for affordable housing is ongoing and Habitat Manitoba keeps pushing to build more homes every year as the vital search for land continues. By the end of 2012, most of the 27 families will be in their new Habitat homes to celebrate the Holiday season. Habitat Manitoba has built 257 homes since its inception in 1987 with many more to come.



Home in St. Boniface well under construction

Habitat Manitoba's Regional Development adds more Chapters

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba's Regional Development continues its strong growth throughout Manitoba while reaching into Northwestern Ontario (Kenora) and edging across the border into Saskatchewan, where Flin Flon and Creighton form a joint community. The success is due to awareness of the strong international brand and the initiative and implementation of the Habitat Manitoba affiliate led by Steve Krahn, VP, Regional Development.

Chapters are Habitat's 'agents' throughout its territory. They are made up of volunteers who identify a family, find land, fundraise, and build a Habitat house, while the Winnipeg office handles the bulk of the required administrative work. "I am very pleased by the enthusiasm and dedication shown by communities in our region to address affordable housing by starting a local Habitat Chapter", says Krahn. "The commitment and excitement of the people is like no other, as it reflects the grassroots origins of Habitat that really stands out in smaller communities."

To date, twelve Habitat Chapters have been formed outside the City of Winnipeg. Adding to previously existing Chapters in Portage la Prairie and Selkirk, Steinbach (Southeast) has been reactivated to be included with new Chapters in Assessippi Parkland, Dauphin, Flin Flon area, Kenora, Killarney, Lundar,

Shoal Lake, Springfield and Virren. The response has been very positive and six homes are being built this year with several more scheduled for next year.

As the Chapters are in smaller communities, the expectations are to build one or two homes every second year, assisting Habitat Manitoba in increasing its capacity of building more affordable homes every year helping to eliminate the cycle of poverty.

Habitat Manitoba will build 27 homes this year with six coming from its Chapters. On a broader scale, it has been said by our national association that "the need is too large and the will of the organization is too great to accept the status quo." As a result, Habitat Canada, through affiliates such as Habitat Manitoba, wants to build as many homes in the next five years as it built in its first 25 years.

The regional model will provide one of the vehicles for Habitat Manitoba to reach this very ambitious goal while providing the opportunity for Canadian communities to become involved in Habitat like never before. The future is bright and Habitat Manitoba is optimistic as it sees 20 to 25 Chapters throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario communities in the foreseeable future.



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Habitat 'Blitz Build' 2012:

For the first time in three years, Habitat's annual 'Blitz Build' took place at a new location.

The Riverbend suburb at Fernbank and Main Street site took centre stage showcasing the building of eight homes (four side by side units) in 12 days with the help of a hundred enthusiastic volunteers per day. Numerous soon-to-be homeowners worked off some of their 'sweat equity' hours each day by helping build their home and other families' homes.

Special thanks to Croatian Catholic Church St Nicholas Tavelich, the church across the street who generously allowed us to utilize their basement as home base for breakfast, coffee breaks and lunch with many more tireless volunteers helping prepare and serve up the great food!

Blitz Builds epitomizes community spirit as many dedicated volunteers use their vacation time to come out and build for days, with some coming out for a week or even the entire 12 days.

It is with great appreciation and gratitude that we say thank you to all our volunteers, donors, partners and sponsors that all help make every 'Blitz Build' a huge success.

To see all the photos from the 2012 Blitz Build, go to the Media/Photo Albums at www.habitat.mb.ca



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Muddy Waters Rides Again, better than ever!

This year's version of the Muddy Waters Cycling event attracted nearly 350 riders who raised almost double from what was achieved last year. The venue changed to Kildonan Park from the Forks and with staggered start times for the different route distances, many participants returned at the same time creating a great atmosphere of camaraderie. Plenty of food and drink was served to replenish the cyclists along with people waiting their turn for free massages to help work out the kinks and sore muscles.

Another change was the addition of a 5 km ride which attracted more families who cycled with their little children and promises to gain even more momentum next year.

Habitat for Humanity extends a warm and gracious thank you to all the sponsors, committee, volunteers and of course the cyclists who helped make this year's event a great success!



Passages

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba lost a good friend recently. Dennis Cleve had a tremendously positive impact on the organization as his volunteer work enabled us to achieve what we could not have done on our own.

He took on the arduous task of chairing the Integrated Design Team for the Sir Sam Steele project on Nairn Avenue. We wanted to build the site to LEED standards, a very complex and administratively burdensome approach to building, but one which yields high quality and very energy efficient homes. No other Habitat Affiliate in Canada has accomplished an undertaking of this type or magnitude.

Dennis was far more than Chair for the group guiding



Dennis Cleve

the development. He served as the interface between the Canada Green Building Council (who own the LEED process), the independent third party providers responsible for inspecting the work as it was being completed, our construction staff and trades, and the project architects and engineers. This required many hours each week in meetings and on the phone; sending and responding to innumerable emails and completing myriad forms.

He accomplished these tasks with acumen, diplomacy, timeliness and good cheer. The result of his efforts is the creation of the greenest affordable housing development in Canada and a lasting testimony to his commitment to this community. Dennis was a wonderful man to work with and will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues.

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