

HOPE AND HAMMER

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Important Dates:

- **May 17th, 2004 7:00 p.m.**

Habitat London AGM

- **Saturday August 21 - 8:00 a.m.**

Habitat build begins

HABITAT LONDON'S SMITH STREET PROJECT

Every year Habitat for Humanity London faces the daunting challenge of finding available, affordable land in safe but modest residential neighbourhoods for our annual construction projects. After months of research by the Land Acquisition Committee, Habitat became the owner of 7 residential lots on Smith Street in March 2004. By purchasing several lots at once, Habitat will now be able to plan and schedule builds over the next three years.

This property will allow for the construction of three semi-detached housing units for 6 families and one single family special access bungalow. Located in the Hamilton Road/Egerton Street area of the city, Smith Street has access to the Thames River recreational beltway that stretches throughout the city. This area boasts a strong community spirit and pride nurtured by groups like the Hamilton Road Community Association and the Hamilton Road Business Association.

Construction of the first semi-detached unit will begin in July



Architectural Drawing of the 2004 semi-detached houses

with the pre-build segment of the project. A few weeks later, the 'Blitz' volunteer portion of the build will begin on Saturday August 21st. Over the next four weeks volunteers and tradespersons will do the framing, plumbing, wiring, siding, painting, drywalling, roofing, bricklaying, landscaping, fencing, and cleaning. Local faith and community groups will be assisting with the care and feeding of the dozens

of volunteers working on the site each day.

If you are interested in participating in this year's project as a sponsor, community group or individual volunteer contact the Habitat London office at info@habitat.london.on.ca or telephone (519)455-6623 ext.222.

Visit our web-site at www.habitat.london.on.ca for more information!

YOU CAN DONATE TO HABITAT LONDON ON - LINE!

Habitat for Humanity London with the assistance of CanadaHelps.org now has the ability to accept donations online.

CanadaHelps.org is a not-for-profit charity portal and registered public foundation that seeks to promote and facili-

tate philanthropy through online giving. CanadaHelps.org offers its services at no cost to the charity or the donor. If you visit the Habitat for Humanity London web-site you can click on the 'Donate Online' button and make a donation. You will receive a tax

receipt for your donation from CanadaHelps.org e-mailed to you which can be printed or saved for future use.

Visit our web-site at www.habitat.london.on.ca and donate to the 2004 Building project today!



AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Gerald Willis
Recipient of the 2003
Fuzzy Hammer
Award for
Bravery and True Grit
on the work-site!



Matt Salki
Recipient of the 2003
Fuzzy Hammer Award
for Most Improved
Builder on the Playhouse
Project

Habitat for Humanity London hosted a volunteer appreciation night on Tuesday February 24th, 2004. The event, held at Labatt's Amber Lounge, celebrated the accomplishments of HFH volunteers in the first 10 years of the London affiliate. Between 80 and 100 volunteers attended representing all parts of the organization. We were happy to see volunteers from the Board, committees, the playhouse project, the build, and the ReStore. Displays were set up to highlight the work of volunteers over the years and included newspaper articles, newsletters, photo albums, plaques and a photo montage put together by Ric Wallace of Virtual Edge Communications. Executive Director, Julie Coley thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication over the years, and announced the purchase of land on Smith Street in London, site of the 2004 build. Julie Coley and Coleen Crncich handed out the annual 'Fuzzy Hammer' awards to Gerald Willis of Dashwood Industries for his bravery in the face of falling hammers on the build site. Matt Salki received his Fuzzy Hammer award for the 'most improved' builder on the playhouse project.

The evening ended with a free raffle of two jackets, two vests and a dozen hats with the HFH

London logo embroidered on them. It was a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate such a great group of people. Please be sure to join us next year at our 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night! Julie Coley, Executive Director of HFH London is pleased to welcome Lee Jones as the newest addition to the HFH London team. Lee will be working part-time as Volunteer Program Manager. She will be concentrating on developing a formal structure to the existing volunteer program. This includes policy development, orientation and training programs, recruitment, screening and placement of volunteers, volunteer recognition initiatives and database maintenance. Lee will also take on the task of being HFH London's Privacy Officer, instituting required policies and procedures as outlined in Canada's new privacy legislation.

Lee began her association with Habitat as newsletter editor and build volunteer back in 1994. She has participated in every build since that time and recently worked as a Director and Secretary with the Board of Directors. She has worked in the human service field for over 20 years. Lee is cur-

rently enrolled in the Volunteer Management Certificate Program at Humber College. If you have any questions about volunteering with Habitat London please feel free to contact Lee at the office.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Habitat London we would like to recognize the outstanding efforts of a few of our volunteers at the May 17th, 2004 AGM:

Mike Forsey: Volunteer of the Year 2003—HFH London. He has been a core volunteer on the board and various committees for the last 7 years.

Harold Byne: After 10 years as a dedicated board member and volunteer Harold Byne will be retiring from the Board of Directors.

St. Justin's Catholic Church: Volunteers from St. Justin's Catholic Church have been increasing their involvement in Habitat for Humanity London! St Justin's first got involved with providing food/beverages on the annual construction projects, then became part of the Building On Faith initiative in 2003, sold tickets at Westmount for the playhouse project and continue to support Habitat in their congregation through a variety of fund-raising projects.

BUILD REGISTRATION 2004

In June we will begin sending registration forms and build schedules to volunteers that have expressed an interest in participating in the 2004 building project on Smith Street. If you are interested in getting on the mailing list please e-mail, telephone or fax the office with your name, address, telephone # and e-mail and we will be happy to put you on our mailing list.

Again this year, we would encourage volunteers to send in \$10.00 for their t-shirts and to help defray the rising costs of mailings.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2004

- Dr. Perkin's Charity Golf Classic for HFH—foursomes needed—register by May 15—\$125 per person (after May 15—\$150 per person) Call Terry @ 668-6844 to register
- Build 2004—registration forms available in June
- Golf Tournament volunteers required—please call for more information.
- Playhouse Project 2004 needs volunteers!
- Crew Leaders for 2004 Blitz Build!
- Volunteer Positions available in the HFH office and on committees!
- ReStore needs volunteers to work in salvage, retail and warehouse
- Downloadable volunteer applications are available on the web-site at www.habitat.london.on.ca



PLAYHOUSE PROJECT 2004

Habitat's Playhouse project is back by popular demand! Last year's effort raised \$35,000 that went directly into helping to purchase the Smith Street property for our future construction projects.

Habitat hopes to raise \$50,000 in partnership with the 2004 Playhouse sponsors:

- Neal, Pallett & Townsend LLP
- Bell Employees
- 3M Retirees
- Union Gas/London Firefighters
- Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- Pacific Western Bank of Canada

The theme for 2004 is "Cottage Country". You will see creative designs that will be sure to spark the imagination and thrill the little ones.

The playhouse build will take place in September and October this year. When they have been completed, one playhouse will be featured in the Santa Claus Parade and then all of the playhouses will be installed in Westmount Shopping Centre. The Habitat Fund-Raising Com-

mittee is gearing up to assist with off-site ticket sales by organizing a 'Ticket Task Force'. If you are interested in helping to build the playhouses, to sell tickets, assist with moving the playhouses or selling a block of tickets at your workplace, please call our volunteer Playhouse Chairs:

Carl Krizan - Tel #281-0233 or thosekrizans@sympatico.ca
Rick Mommersteeg - Tel#281-3693



BUILDING ON FAITH

Spread the word! Get your church or faith group involved in helping a London family realize their dream of owning a home. Help us to build homes and build hope in our community. Call the Habitat office for more information. (519)455-6623 ext 221.



Come to the Dr. Perkin's Charity Golf Classic for HFH London

Friday July 9th at Forest City National To register call Terry 668-6844

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*Habitat London is gearing up to increase our capacity to build more homes for
London families.*

*Please keep in mind that while Habitat values all of the time donated by its
volunteers, we also need cash donations. Habitat does not receive any govern-
ment funding. We are supported by organizations and individuals like yourself!
Think about becoming a community builder by making an individual donation
or a monthly donation to Habitat for Humanity London. You can also visit our
web-site to donate on-line!*



*Building Homes,
Building Hope*

**PLEASE ATTEND
HABITAT LONDON'S
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

MONDAY MAY 17TH, 7:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY ROOM 211

(beside Birks)

GALLERIA MALL

Refreshments Provided