

Partnership in building Homes

BY ANN KORNUA

Volunteers will be getting together in Acton on September 13th to lend a hand in the Habitat for Humanity project. Founded in 1973 to meet a basic need for simple, decent homes for families, the program has grown to over 1500 affiliates in 64 countries around the world. The building of these homes is financed by a revolving fund supported through donations and no interest loans.

The building of the Acton home at 111 Crescent Street will take place on September 13th and organisers are urging members of the community to come out and help on the current project, by participating in the actual building process or by helping out on the side lines by making lunches for the workers.

"There has been a wonderful response already from the people in North Halton" Joanne Martin the Executive Director of Habitat Halton said. "Time and energy already put forth by members of the community have resulted in the foundation being laid out as well as the basement being completely taken care of."

Some of the outstanding people who have already committed to this project are Rick Huffman of Milton, a local roofer who has donated his time and materials for the house, as well as Giselle Tremblay owner of Tremblay's of Acton who is supplying all the paint needed for inside the home.

Joanne also states that if you want to get your organization or school group involved, you can buy a square foot of the home at a donation of \$65 per square foot.

"We are still looking for donations of lumber, interior doors, flooring including laminate, carpets and vinyl, kitchen cupboards, wire shelving and fasteners, a sump pump and one of the ways anyone can help out is to call us up and donate any old doors or lumber you have from your renovation projects. Three salvage crews are standing by to come and remove any of your old kitchen doors or surfacing free of charge."

The CUMIS team had a great time clearing the property with Habitat volunteer, Charles Bett on August 16th. Tanners Restaurant in Acton treated the group to a delicious lunch. CUMIS and its employees are in the midst of their Heart of the Home fundraising campaign to raise \$7,150 for the 110 square foot kitchen. The campaign is going well - right on target.

As well as the build event happening on September 13th, raffle tickets for a Childs Playhouse are on sale at the ReStore; the Habitat office; Tremblay Decorating in Acton and also at Appleby Mall. Tickets cost \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Tickets will also be on sale at the Acton, Georgetown and Milton fall fairs. The Playhouse is valued at \$7000 and measures 8x9 square feet donated by the kind people at Orchard

Ridge Homes www.orchardridge-homes.com. The playhouse will be raffled off at 12 noon at Appleby Mall by Santa, on December 22, 2004 so get your tickets soon!

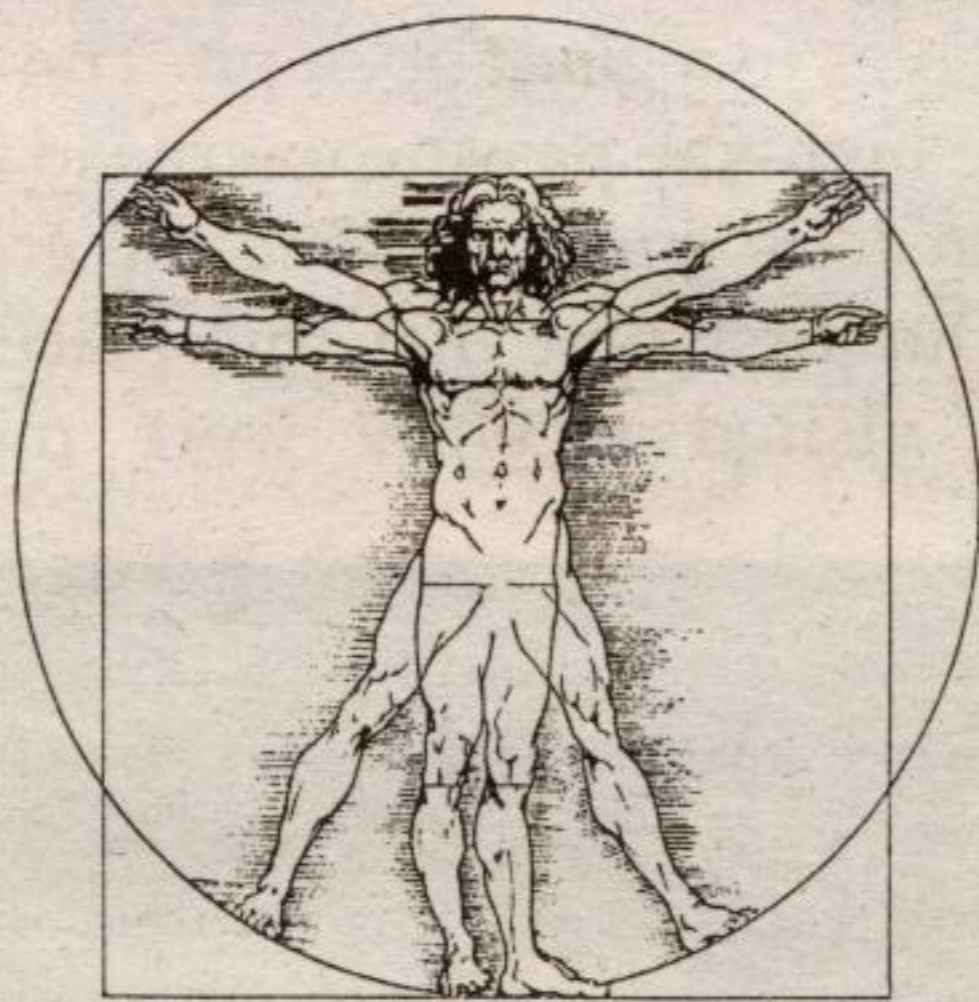
To contact Habitat Halton to get in the fun you can call 1-866-314-4344 or go online and print out an application form at www.habitathalton.ca



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There has been a wonderful response already from the people in North Halton" says Joanne Martin the Executive Director of Habitat Halton. From left to right: Tom McFadden, David Young, Charles Bett, Paul Hutcheson take a break for a photo while working on a playhouse.

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