

Many Hands

... Make Light Work

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Habitat for Humanity Wellington County

Going for the Goal!

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Did you Know?

- Habitat has been organizing Women Builds since 1991
- Over 1400 Women Build houses have been built across North America and in at least 14 countries worldwide
- Women Build is not about excluding men but including women in an inclusive, supportive environment

2011 is an aggressive year at Habitat. With an aim of building 5 homes, we are set to build more homes in the next few years than we have in the past 10!

We are excited to have confirmed 3 of the 5 expected builds.

The first confirmed build is Women Build, which returns to its original site on York Road for a single family dwelling, in June.

Most recently, the team confirmed Huron

Street for a semi-detached dwelling. This property will represent the Genworth Financial Build (thanks to the \$60,000 winning essay by Karson Simpson) and the My Neighbour's

House (Faith Build). We look forward to this project kicking off in late summer or early fall.

We are equally still hopeful to secure two more properties for the fall: One for a single family home in Guelph and the other for a Centre Wellington Build.

To join any of these builds:

register online at <http://habitatwellington.volunteerhub.com> or call Annie, 519-767-9752 x34



The Big Issue: Truck Needed

Knowing we will be building on York Road this year is fantastic! The struggle will be the size of the property and managing building supplies with such a small lot.

Bob is looking for a delivery van or pick up

truck to deliver building supplies just in time to the build site from the ReStore location.

Someone owning a truck and willing to donate their time, or someone who can waive rental fees on a

delivery van are just two of the many ways you can help us with this need.

Please notify the office with any suggestions!

Bob Thorpe, Construction Projects Manager, 519-767-9752 x35

Top 5: Committees at Habitat!



In no particular order ...

1. **Women Build:** Lead the success of our 2nd annual Women Build! We're looking to fill Sponsorship, Volunteer Engagement, and Special Events positions!

2. **Volunteer Advisory Committee:** Help create our volunteer policy manual, plan volunteer events, write

a volunteer newsletter and more.

3. **Family Support Committee:** Share your social service and communication expertise through on-going support for our partner families and help increase community involvement!

4. **Safety and Well-being Committee:** Help keep Habitat

safe! Design and implement safety procedures, inspections, and training for our volunteers.

5. **Public Relations Committee:** Spread the word! Help extend Habitat's mission and raise awareness in Wellington County.

Contact Annie at volunteer@habitatwellington.on.ca to sign up!

Spotlight: Madeleine Lee, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator

Madeleine will be offering her skills in the office in May, and will be on the Women Build site regularly until the end of August.

Joined: May 2, 2011

When not in the office, you can find me: Working at Moxie's in Stone Road Mall (come visit me!), catching up on Modern Family or How I Met Your Mother (both hilarious),

riding my bike around Guelph, or making fruity drinks with my friends!

What you may like to know about me: I'm a 2nd year Marketing Management student at the University of Guelph. I'm the tiniest lifeguard you'll ever meet, and taught swimming for over 3 years.

I love drawing and painting! When my high school was torn down, I was chosen to paint a mural for the new school. I also love to travel. My favourite trip so far was a week-long exchange to the Netherlands. I still keep in touch with my Dutch friends!

To reach Maddie in the office, call 519-767-9752 x25

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you."

~Author Unknown

Volunteering: Now Bite-Sized?

Microvolunteerism, a new concept that's recently been buzzing in the non-profit industry, suggests that we can volunteer just a few minutes of our time every day.

Sparked.com, the first microvolunteering network, defines

Microvolunteerism as "convenient, bite-sized, crowd-sourced, and network managed".

Essentially, this means anyone with internet on their computer or mobile phone can volunteer from the comfort of their own home, on their own time!

In a typical day, it is hard to find time for ourselves, let alone time for someone in need!

Instead of mindlessly online shopping or browsing your Newsfeed on Facebook several times a day, you could be microvolunteering.

Here at Habitat we're giving it a try, contact [Annie](#) today to become a "VolunTweeter" or with your own ideas of how to microvolunteer for Habitat!



Getting Involved is Easy!

Whether you are a returning volunteer or new one, our Volunteer Website makes getting involved easier than ever!

All volunteers need to register at:

<http://habitatwellington.volunteerhub.com/>

In just 5 easy steps you'll be ready to see what shifts are available and sign up

for any shift at your convenience; including ReStore, Front Office, and even build shifts.

And, if you haven't heard, our new Volunteer Orientation Sessions are a great way to learn more about Habitat, including things you may have never known! They will now be held the last Monday of every month. They may not be

mandatory, but they will significantly improve your experience with us.

Coming Orientations:

May 25, 6:30 – 8:00

June 27, 6:30 – 8:00

July 25, 6:30–8:00

RSVP at:

volunteer@habitatwellington.on.ca
or 519-767-9752 x34

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

~Anne Frank

Save the Date

Time to start planning!

May 1-31—Help ReStore celebrate National BBQ Month by donating your old BBQ or shopping at the ReStore for a new one!

May 16—Pre Build starts on York Road

May 19 - Ladies Car

Care Clinic

May 20—May Volunteer of the Month nominations due

May 25—ReStore 50% off sale

May 27-29 - Women Build Skills Workshops
[http://](http://www.habitatwellington.o)

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n.ca/womenbuild.html

First week of June—Volunteers start on site on York Road

June 18—ReStore 20th anniversary in Canada

June 26—Women Build Community BBQ

June 29— ReStore 50% off sale



Volunteers learning lots of skills at last year's Women Build Workshops



Volunteers set up a tent in the ReStore

ReStories

(As told by Cathy, ReStore Cashier.)

A man came in with an older man who didn't speak English. The man explained that the older man and his wife, who was ill, were new to Canada. They were looking for simple furniture to fill their

new home.

When the man went to pay for the dresser and mirror chosen, the older man protested. He didn't want "charity".

The man explained that ReStore is like a church. It helps people by providing

affordable furniture for those in need or new to the country. Both left happy and grateful.

If you want to hear your own Re-Story, join the volunteer team today by calling Lisa, 519-767-9752 x38

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Happy Mother's Day from HFH Toronto

Six mothers and their families in Toronto each received the ultimate Mother's Day present on Sunday, May 8; a home of their own.

With the help of over 600 women volunteers, each raising \$500, Habitat Toronto's second annual Women's Build Blitz completed 6 homes and started work on 29 townhouses in just 3 days. How's that for girl power?

Feel like wielding a hammer yourself? Register for Wellington County's 2nd annual Women Build at <http://habitatwellington.volunteerhub.com>



Photo from CityTV News Online.

For more details on our local Women Build, visit our website <http://www.habitatwellington.on.ca/womenbuild.html>

Or follow our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/womenbuildhfh>