



July, 2011 - RBI Peterborough Branch participates in Habitat for Humanity's First "Women Build"



PETERBOROUGH, ON, July 7, 2011 — A young boy will now have a room of his own in a new home being built by Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and District as part of the Women Build Project.

One of the two semi-detached bungalows currently under construction on Towerhill Road will be home to Natasha and her son Hayven. Long-time Habitat partner Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is sponsoring the bedroom for Hayven with funds raised through charitable events.

As construction continues on the Women Build Project, the CMHC build team, which included community stakeholders and CMHC staff, joined Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and District on site today to help build the homes. The houses are the first two of five homes that Habitat for Humanity is building in the Peterborough area this year.

"These homes are our first Women Build Project in Peterborough and District. We are pleased to be building with CMHC today as we empower and encourage the involvement of women in building Habitat for Humanity homes and in helping families become homeowners," said Sarah Tate, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and District.

Women Build Projects provide an environment in which women can feel comfortable learning skills they might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn. Female crews have already built more than 40 Habitat for Humanity homes in Canada, and more than 1,400 homes around the world.

The Women Build Project will follow Habitat for Humanity Peterborough's newly launched Green/Sustainable Building Program guidelines. The homes will be energy efficient, use sustainable building materials and practices (including reaching LEED Gold standards) and exceed current building code insulation standards.