

# HOPE & HAMMER

11-45 Pacific Court London ON N5V 3N4

## We've Expanded—Come See Our New ReStore on Adelaide Street South



Habitat for Humanity London ReStore is proud to announce the opening of a second location in London. The London South ReStore is well situated in a highly visible location formerly occupied by Sander's Pro Distributors. With a bright airy showroom area at the front of the store, spacious receiving and pickup areas, the new ReStore is a bit of a departure from the hectic mélange of the Pacific Court location and will appeal to new and old customers.

The South ReStore will carry very much the same selection of product as the current location on Pacific Court, with emphasis on the best of the selection that the ReStore has to offer, providing the same great quality, value and pricing that we are famous for. Creative displays will emphasize the opportunities that exist when the imagination combines with the unique and valuable bargains among the used and new product that can be found by shopping at the ReStore.



Sponsors Citi Card Financial can be thanked for their generous donation of \$25,000; along with the terrific assistance of their staff who contributed their volunteer labour. The Labourers' International Union of North America provided invaluable skilled labour assistance by removing and preparing the space for renovations.

All trades and services involved generously provided services at reduced costs - Scott Electric, Bel-Mar Communications, D. A. Contracting, Budget Tile & Carpet, Advanced Fire Protection, Try Recycling, Why Designs, Ted Schoutens at Designs, PC Medic and a special thank you to Werbar Investments for their support and cooperation.

Volunteers key to the process in addition to the above include Hans Matthias, Bevin Ling, Sergio Boscarato, Steve Khoda from Solid Flooring & many others.

Finally a word of appreciation to the staff members who brought their creativity and skill to assist in bringing out the best of the opportunity that Adelaide presents - Lidia Norman, Ed Fleming, Albert Veenboer, Steve Hadskis.

### QUICK FACTS:

ReStores are building supply stores run by Habitat for Humanity affiliates

Shopping at a ReStore is a socially conscious decision as funds generated are used to fund Habitat homebuilding projects

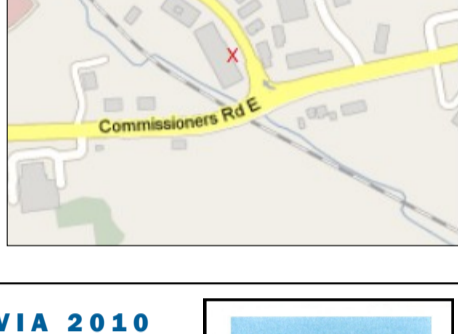
Winnipeg, Manitoba, five volunteers created the ReStore concept and opened the first store 20 years ago

There are 65 ReStores across Canada & hundreds more in the United States

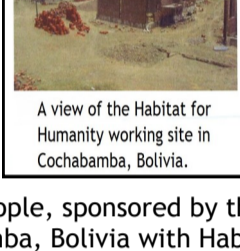
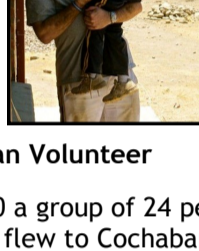
ReStores divert thousands of tons of materials from the landfill sites

### OUR NEW RESTORE IS LOCATED AT:

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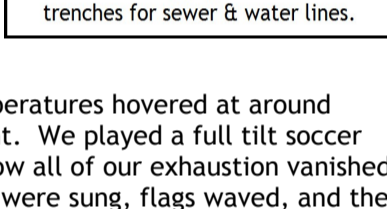
## INTERNATIONAL BUILD—BOLIVIA 2010



### Story from a Bolivian Volunteer

On October 30, 2010 a group of 24 people, sponsored by the Forest City Community Church, flew to Cochabamba, Bolivia with Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program. Their mission was to contribute to building a community of homes in Bolivia. In his own words, one of those volunteers, Andy from MTO, was kind enough to share his experience with us.

"At our first group briefing, we learned that Bolivia is the poorest country in South America, with 60 per cent of it's people living in poverty, most of them single mothers and children. We were encouraged to hear that we didn't need any particular building skills, that we weren't going to there to teach them how to build. Our group would build their way and not impose our way of building on them. We were thrilled to find out that we weren't going to help just one family build, but we would actually help 30 families on a social housing project. Our group was introduced to the resident architect and lawyer, who happened to both be women (this was part of an education plan for developing professional women as well). Our jobs of moving bricks, making mortar for the bricklayers (mostly women who were building their own homes) and manually digging sewer and water line trenches for all 30 homes. Sewer and water being supplied to these homes was very significant to the families because 50% of the 1 million population of Cochabamba are without safe drinking water. The homes being built were about 7m x 7m each made entirely of brick and reinforced concrete. The families had to spend 36 hours a week building. No one knew which home was theirs until the entire project was completed; this way no one home was given special attention by the families.



At the end of the hottest work day, when temperatures hovered at around 100° F, we all stopped building for the big event. We played a full tilt soccer game against the local build families. (Somehow all of our exhaustion vanished completely!) Spontaneously National anthems were sung, flags waved, and the fans roared with cheers. It all ended with hugs and love for so much more than just the game...it all came out on the end and was THE definitive shining moment of our connecting with the Bolivian families.

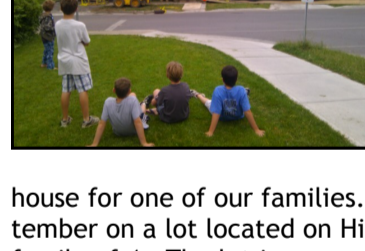
At the end of the week all the workers and the leader of the community project gathered with us. After the warmest thank you speeches, they presented each of us with gifts and hugs. I have to admit there is SO much LOVE, a few of us had to keep rubbing dust from our eyes. All throughout that special time, Lynda and I and every member of the build team personally experienced the spirit of Habitat's motto from Martin Luther King Jr., "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?""

**A special thank you to Forest City Community Church for their fundraising efforts to make it possible for us to build homes in Bolivia. This year's golf tournament raised \$10,667.62 for Bolivia.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HABITAT?

### Locally

The Build season is once again upon us and we've started it in a bit of a different way... by driving a donated house across London!!! The house which was slated for demolition was donated to us by the City of London, it was located on a lot over on Ridgewood Avenue that used to be vacated, so we quickly prepared the house, loaded it up and moved it over to it's new location on Huron Street. This house will be the 2nd Home at Last project completed by Habitat for Humanity London in partnership with London St. Thomas Association of Realtors, Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation and the City of London. For more information on this project check out these links: [LFP Story](#) & [LStar Story](#)



We will also be hosting a second Youth Build in the city of London this year in partnership with the Habitat UWO Club and Libro Financial. After all children are our future volunteers and they are interested in what goes on in their community at a young age. The partnership brings students of all ages together to help build a home in their community, teaching them skills for the future. Including fundraising, teamwork, compassion and community pride as they work together to build a house for one of our families. This year's Youth project will commence in September on a lot currently being prepared and the foundation should be ready for the students to start building in early September. To learn more about the Habitat London Youth Project [click here!](#)

### Regionally

In keeping Youth in our focus, a Habitat London representative gave a presentation to a group of school aged children in St. Thomas last fall when they were working on housing collages. The children were very inspired by what they heard and wanted to know what they could to help. Their teacher, with the assistance of a local Art Gallery decided that they could showcase their art projects to "help stimulate an affordable housing discussion". They prepared their art for the exhibit, hoping to make people more aware of the problem with homelessness in our communities. To learn more about the art exhibit or to find out who to contact to get involved in this St. Thomas discussion [click here!](#)

In other Regional news Habitat for Humanity London has been gearing up this last year to start another Regional Build in the Community of Woodstock. The Woodstock committee has been diligently laying the ground work for the project since the end of 2010. They have been very busy with fundraising events, and spreading the word through the Woodstock community to gather sponsors and applications for their new Habitat Family. They have received some really great support so far from Sponsors, including local church organizations, Heart FM, Woodstock Ford, Fanshawe College and Rochdale Credit Union to name just a few. The overwhelming support they have received to the project has also allowed them to pick a location and a Woodstock family to partner with Habitat to receive the house. Great job everyone!!!

To get more involved in our Woodstock project you can go to their website at [www.woodstockhabitat.ca](http://www.woodstockhabitat.ca) or follow them on [Facebook](#).

## OUR VISION:

To mobilize volunteers and community partners in providing opportunities for homeownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty.

We are on the web!!  
[www.habitatlondon.on.ca](http://www.habitatlondon.on.ca)

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

### Participate

Help us Build!! We welcome anyone over the age of 16 to come work with us, experience isn't required, we can teach you. Meet other caring people in our community & learn new skills.

### To volunteer contact

Lee Jones at 519-659-1949 ext. 236 or by email to [ljones@habitat.london.on.ca](mailto:ljones@habitat.london.on.ca)

### Donate

- Individual donors
- Faith groups
- ReStore



### Ways to donate:

- Online - Phone - Mail - In Person

### Contact:

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