



Habitat for Humanity London expands to Middlesex, Oxford and Elgin counties

LONDON, ON, January 30, 2012 – Habitat for Humanity London and the Ontario Trillium Foundation are laying the foundation for a new regional Habitat administration office to serve families in need of affordable housing in Oxford, Middlesex and Elgin counties.

Habitat for Humanity London has received permission from Habitat Canada to expand beyond London and begin serving families in Oxford, Middlesex and Elgin counties. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has provided \$75,000 to fund renovations of a facility at 40 Pacific Court for the new regional administrative office.

“We are extremely grateful for the financial support we received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Our affiliate expansion requires improved administration and support facilities for the entire agency including our social enterprise, the ReStore. This new regional centre will also enhance our capacity to support volunteer and staff training, community development and partnering programs. Our ultimate goal is to serve more families by building and providing more affordable homeownership opportunities throughout Oxford, Middlesex and Elgin counties! Leasehold improvements will begin in February 2012.” Said Jeff Duncan, Habitat London.

The new administrative office will include amenities that are not available in Habitat for Humanity London’s current office, such as private meeting spaces for family consultations, training classrooms, warehouse space for prefab construction, workspaces to utilize student volunteers, and a board meetingroom.

“Habitat for Humanity London is a wonderful community organization. Their unique combination of civic engagement and affordable housing supports, make a genuine difference in the London region.” said London-Fanshawe MPP Teresa Armstrong, continuing, “I’m happy the Government of Ontario is able to support the renovations of their offices through the Ontario Trillium Fund. I look forward to working with Habitat for Humanity London in the future.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation funding will cover a significant portion of the office renovation costs but additional funding is still required to complete the project. For more information on how you can help, please contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 519-659-1949 or info@habitat.london.on.ca

About Habitat for Humanity London

Habitat for Humanity London believes that every man, woman and child has the right to the confidence, security and hope that a home provides. Affordable housing is key to building strong, equitable and thriving communities. By mobilizing volunteers and community partners, we can build affordable housing and promote home ownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty. Amazing things happen to people when you “address” them.

About Ontario Trillium Foundation

A leading grant-maker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. For more information about the Ontario Trillium Foundation, visit www.otf.ca

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