



Habitat Affiliate NEWS Kingston

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Habitat for Humanity – Greater Kingston & Frontenac, 323 Bath Road Kingston, K7M 2X6

New Positions Approved

The Board of Directors has approved the hiring of three new paid staff. As of December 2003 **Bruce Johnson** has been hired as the manager of the ReStore, **Sandra Berg** is named to be the Executive Director, and **James Gallagher** is the Senior ReStore Associate.

Meet The New Staff



Bruce was very instrumental in getting the ReStore off the ground and it is great that he has taken on the role of manager. He is spending a great amount

of his time training volunteers to help in the store. If you are not familiar with the store, it is a 6,000 sq ft building located at 323 Bath Road. It handles new and used building supplies and materials. It is open 6 days a week and in December celebrated 6 months of operations. You can find tremendous bargains on lumber, windows, laminate flooring, electrical, plumbing, tiles, doors, cabinets, hardware and much more. Definitely worth a look, as new materials arrive daily.

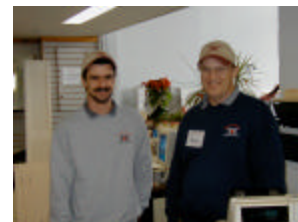


Sandra Berg has been a volunteer for our group for some time now and is looking forward to taking over the reins as the new Executive Director. She will be in the office two

days a week, and can be reached by phoning the Restore (Habitat's office is now in the Restore building on the second floor).

One of her many tasks will be to co-ordinate all the activities of Habitat Kingston.

James Gallagher is the home owner along with his wife Vicki and two children of one of the houses that were built on Concession Street this year. James has been volunteering since the store was first opened and has a good knowledge of the stock in the store.



James on the left with Bruce

Habitat to Get a New Website

Perhaps by the time this arrives we will have a newly designed "website", which allow outsiders to see what Habitat's aims and objectives are. You take a look at our web page at: www.habitatkingston.ca

New Fund Raiser

A new and exciting fund raising venture is in place with a raffle. We have had this type of fund raiser before, but the highlight of this one is a



"hand made quilt" especially designed for Habitat for Humanity Kingston. You can view the 'Habitat Quilt' at The Perfect Stitch, 645 Gardiners Rd.

Tickets will be available for all our volunteers to sell and we are looking forward to a large sale.

Monies from this and the ReStore will go towards a new house in the near future.

Volunteer Appreciation

On December 17th a luncheon was held at the ReStore to honour the volunteers that work at the ReStore. This also celebrated 6 months in operation. Below are some of the volunteers.



Mike, Karl, James & Jordan, Kevin Jr, Ron & Gord

Bruce's Best Buys



This month there is a special sale on all the cabinet doors that are in stock. Cabinet doors normally are sold at \$1 per linear inch. During January we are selling them at 20% off, until January 31. Hurry in and have a look as there is a great selection including over 150 brand new oak cabinet doors which arrived compliments of Cataraqui Cabinets.

Have you ever thought of other uses for the doors? They are solid oak hard wood, and finished professionally. You can take a door and with a piece of drawer front make yourself a very attractive shelf to put ornaments or figurines on. Add a mirror or a painting in the center and you have something special for your wall.

Next month there will be a special on lighting fixtures. We have some lovely glass antique-styled light shades/covers that could be used as candle holders and lanterns for the patio or cottage. Don't wait for spring get things started now.

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?
A brick layer!

Kingston Home Depot Store

As you may be aware Habitat For Humanity has a special working relationship with Home Depot Stores all across North America. We are very fortunate to have a great relationship with our local store and their employees. Every Friday the ReStore truck goes to the Home Depot store and picks up a load of returned merchandise to resell in the store. Home Depot has made this policy with all Habitat groups and it is a real boost to our funding.

We are grateful to have Home Depot as a supporter.

ReStore Now Has Wheels

The ReStore has their own pickup truck with which to pick up donations from customers, businesses and contractors. We can now respond to customers requests on a daily basis, if required. Please give us a call at 547-4111 if you would like to make a donation and we will pick it up if you like! Tax receipts can be provided on donated articles over \$100 in value.

Maintenance Tips by Gord

You can easily remove the hard-water and mineral deposits that build up in a shower head using warm vinegar in a plastic bag:

- Pour warm vinegar into a small plastic bag.
- Attach the filled bag to the shower head using a rubber band.
- Soak the shower head for an hour.
- Remove and discard the vinegar.
- Remove the loosened deposits with a toothbrush.
- Clean the spray holes in the shower head with a toothpick.
- Run warm water through the shower head for several minutes.

You can use a similar procedure for cleaning the mineral deposits from a bathroom or kitchen faucet head.