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Construction action at Sunshine Coast Village

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Habitat For Humanity Sunshine Coast is a local affiliate of Habitat For Humanity Canada – a non-profit organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

Habitat mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building housing and enabling home-ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty

Report from the Board Chair

2009 was a productive year for Habitat For Humanity Sunshine Coast, as readers of this annual summary will recognize from the facts, figures and forecasts reported. Because our community, stretching from Egmont to Gibsons, is relatively small, we have the benefit of constant scrutiny and support of the coast media. The print, television and radio exposure not only gives us visibility and voice as we grow step by step toward fulfilling our mission, but keeps us accountable to the many people who give us their trust, their time, their labour, their expertise, their products and their hard-earned money. Our Board of Directors knows that without the cooperation of the entire community we, as an association of volunteers, could do nothing. But because we have witnessed the support of the community in the way bottles and cans keep filling our recycling bins, how the ReStore stock goes flying off the shelves and is almost instantly replenished (thanks to shoppers and donors), how local trades and business people keep giving so generously (even before we have a chance to ask), we know the future is bright. Thanks to each and everyone for giving us permission to carry on

SUNSHINE COAST VILLAGE AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING

Two years ago, the local Habitat affiliate took a giant leap of faith when the Wilson Creek property was purchased via the mortgage route. Architectural plans were drawn, showing seven duplex units which will, upon

completion, house 14 families. The Sunshine Coast Village project is by far the most ambitious undertaking (on a per capita basis) of all the Habitat affiliates in Canada. But this should not be surprising as the Sunshine Coast affiliate is or has been #1 in many categories: recycling volume, ReStore profits, yearly home builds, receiving an Award of Excellence from Habitat Canada in 2008.

As is often the case, there are obstacles to overcome as the Village project goes forward. But with the recognized need for housing for the hard working segment of society who cannot qualify for a regular mortgage, there is no thought of letting go of this opportunity to do something specific to fill this need. In the spirit of Martin Luther King, problems will be "overcome." For example, when you walk into the construction area in Wilson Creek you will see the first duplex at lock-up stage. Soon it will be time for volunteer professional and amateur drywallers, mudders and sanders to do their thing, followed by the painters and finishers. The family purchasing one unit is working on the "sweat equity" down payment and looking forward to moving in later this year. It will be another banner get-together day for us all. Watch for the invitation!

Respectfully submitted,
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