

“THERE IS NO GREATER HONOUR THAN TO SERVE CANADIANS.” Kim Campbell

A glimpse at what's to come in 2015

- ◇ On February 27th, 2015, Habitat Northumberland dedicated 73 Harcourt Street in Port Hope - our 43rd home. Keys were bestowed upon Jill Alexander, Bruce Powell and their 5 children, who moved in March 1, 2015.
 - ◇ Also on February 27th, 2015, The Habitat Northumberland ReStore won Best in the Non-Profit Sector. Business Achievement Award sponsored by The Northumberland Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Cobourg.
 - ◇ We will be finishing the interior of 352 Alexandria Drive this spring. Valerie Gallagher and her two grandchildren will move in after completing their sweat equity hours.
 - ◇ An Ontario cottage has been generously donated to Habitat Northumberland. We will be moving this donated house to a new lot in Brighton, installing it upon a brand new foundation and renovating the interior for another Habitat partner family.
 - ◇ In June, the ReStore celebrates its 11th anniversary.
- We'll mark that milestone and host a second Community Environment Event on May 30th. There will be extra savings in the ReStore, and celebratory cake for all.
 - ◇ After bringing in new certified racking in January, the ReStore will continue with renovations, installing more certified racking on the eastern wall, making it easier for shoppers to locate our great products.
 - ◇ Once again, we'll be boosting public awareness of Habitat's mission to offer affordable housing by participating in Canada Day and Santa Claus parades.
 - ◇ On March 31st, Meaghan Macdonald will return to her position as Executive Director and we will bid a fond farewell to Interim Executive Director Karen Stinson.

“EACH OF US IS CARVING A STONE, ERECTING A COLUMN, OR CUTTING A PIECE OF STAINED GLASS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER THAN OURSELVES.” Adrienne Clarkson

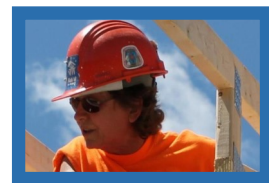
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Executive Director



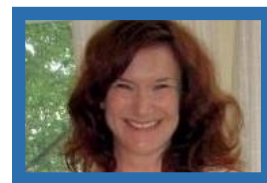
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Interim Executive Director



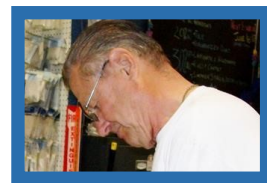
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ReStore



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ReStore

2014 Annual Report



“COURAGE, MY FRIENDS; 'TIS NOT TOO LATE TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.”

Tommy Douglas

Our Vision:
A world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live

Trissia Mellor : A few words from the Chair

In 2014, Habitat for Humanity Northumberland volunteers and staff accomplished some incredible things, as did some of our partner families. Over the last year, we saw two Habitat partner families break the cycle of poverty and start a new chapter in their lives by buying-out and then moving their mortgages to a traditional lender. Not only is this a time of celebration for the families involved, but when mortgages are paid back to Habitat for Humanity Northumberland, we use the money to build more homes for local families in need.

In July we brought in an Interim Executive Director, Karen Stinson, to head up the administrative side of Habitat Northumberland while Meaghan Macdonald took parental leave. Karen has spent the last eight or so months keeping the organization on track and helping the board plan for next year. Karen has been an absolute joy to work with; her passion and commitment as she immersed herself in the day-to-day management of Habitat Northumberland was great to see. While her learning curve was sharp, Karen proved equally sharp in picking things up quickly and leading the organization through some very exciting times.

A highlight from my term as Board Chair has most definitely been the partnership with the Community Training and Development Centre (CTDC). This partnership has given Habitat Northumberland a unique opportunity to assist CTDC in offering skilled trades training to young adults. This worthwhile program helps participants gain confidence and experience in a real work-site environment while they are introduced to the trade. As a result of this partnership, these newly skilled young adults helped Habitat Northumberland build more safe, decent, affordable houses. Giving these students the opportunity to work with Habitat volunteers and partner families was a great introduction to the Habitat experience, and we look forward to seeing them come back with friends and family to volunteer.

Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has an affordable and decent place to live, extends - not only to low-income renters - but to low-income homeowners who want to stay in their homes. Get-ting the ReNew It home repair/renovation/ramp-building loan program on its feet was another great achievement accomplished through partnerships in 2014.

With funding from both Northumberland County - for accessibility renovations/repairs - and the Northumberland United Way - for general home repairs -Habitat Northumberland is now able to offer no-interest loans to low-income homeowners who need a hand up to be able to stay in their homes. Allowing people to remain in safe, decent homes is just as important as building new homes for families. Habitat for Humanity Northumberland is pleased to be a community leader in taking on projects like these, and we appreciate the support of our partners and donors.

I am looking forward to next year's projects as the 2015 Chair brings a new focus to the organization. I anticipate that Habitat for Humanity Northumberland will discover new and innovative ways to engage and help our community.

It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the Habitat for Humanity Northumberland Board of Directors for the past two years. 2014 in particular saw some incredible accomplishments from our small affiliate – I am very proud to be part of this organization.

On behalf of the Board; thank you to all of you who are helping to make Simple, Decent, Affordable homes a reality in our county. You inspire us every day by dreaming big, creating change, and giving back to this great community.



Our thanks to...



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- Trinity United Church
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- Union Gas
- Whale Family Chiropractics
- Whirlpool Canada Inc.
- Will Ryan
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Building more homes, serving more families

Habitat Northumberland home dedications began early in 2014. When the original homeowner of a Habitat house in Brighton was ready to move on, Habitat Northumberland was able to buy back the home, update its interior and re-dedicate it. Kat Read and her two children took possession of their re-dedicated Brighton home in April.

After an incredibly successful Faith Build in 2013, the Cobourg Christian Network chose Habitat Northumberland once again as the recipient of its Good Friday Collection in 2014. With their *Even Better All Together* campaign - they raised another \$10,000! These funds were towards the completion of the western-most unit of the Alexandria Drive Triplex in Cobourg. This second finished triplex unit, sponsored by the Faith Community, with a roof funded by the Northumberland Lakeshore Lions, now houses Danielle Pelletier and her son, who took possession in August. With the completion of 350 Alexandria Drive, our grand total of homes built by Habitat Northumberland was raised to 42 with families served at 44.

May saw us celebrating the ReStore's 10th Anniversary. People Manager, Laurie Carrol, spearheaded an Environmental Awareness Day in conjunction with this date. The back parking lot of the ReStore hosted rain barrel sales, indigenous plant and organic farming booths as well as a presence by Lakefront Utilities, who shared information on the many ways that homeowners can become more environmentally conscious while saving money on their energy usage.

The ground-breaking for 73 Harcourt in Port Hope took place mid-June, with the foundation pour following in mid-August. Organizing our contractors and volunteers so late in the season was a challenge, but Construction Manager, Deb Wilson and People Manager, Laurie Carrol managed to keep it all under control. Framing was helped along by the Durham Regional Police Association, Home Depot, Cross-Fit Consurgo, McGill University and Mentor College.

Also in August, Executive Director Meaghan Macdonald went on parental after giving birth to a healthy baby boy. We welcomed Interim Executive Director, Karen Stinson who immediately took over the reins of this active Habitat affiliate, getting up to speed in record time.

The Habitat Northumberland ReStore's presence was felt around the County at many parades. Our Canada Day Sandcastle float won the Best Float award for Alnwick-Haldimand Township. The summer float was then renovated to become a candy-coated Gingerbread House - it went on to win the Colborne Santa Claus parade for best Service Club for the 3rd year in a row! Thanks to our Parade Committee who gives it their all for every parade.

Habitat Northumberland's ReNew It: Ramp Builder and Home

improvement programs, funded by Northumberland County, and the Northumberland United Way began accepting applications for low-cost, interest-free home improvements for low income families in the spring of 2014. This generous funding will ensure that more low-income homeowners are able to stay in safe and decent homes. To date we have already completed one set of renovations with more to come in 2015.

2014 proved to be a busy and fulfilling year for Habitat for Humanity Northumberland. Though our affiliate may be small, our accomplishments are many! Our community partners and many volunteers help us make dreams come true, and for that we are extremely grateful.



Our ReStore makes everything possible

2014 was a banner year for the Habitat Northumberland ReStore! With sales totaling over \$400,000 - the ReStore had 15,481 sales transactions rung through its cash register over the course of the year.

This past year, we averaged more than three material donations to our ReStore on any given day. We are pleased to report that over 1000 different donors gave generously to provide stock for our ReStore. These donations allow us to meet our administrative costs, ensuring that 100% of financial donations go to building homes.

We accepted building materials such as new and gently-used doors, windows, molding, lumber, and tools from corporations, contractors, and local homeowners. Often working in tandem with local home builders, we salvaged kitchen and bathroom cabinetry from home renovations - ensuring that these items did not end up in landfills. Many unique furniture pieces were donated and subsequently found new homes within the county.

ReStore shoppers already save by enjoying our reduced, tax-free prices, but because we also offer tax receipts for any donations of material goods worth

\$50 or more, ReStore shoppers also save at tax time! We encourage all our donors to take advantage of this tax relief. A charitable tax receipt for the donation of a full kitchen could amount to anywhere between \$400 - \$1500!

Not satisfied with improving upon only the interior of homes, the ReStore accepted donations for exterior projects as well: paving stones, roofing paper, fencing, deck toppers and exterior lighting. Northumberland County shoppers are encouraged to always check the ReStore first before beginning any project.

Continuing to expand on our already robust use of social media, the ReStore attracted new followers with Facebook, Twitter and our weekly E-FLYER. Our ever-changing Kijiji listings garner many enquiries during the course of a single week. Utilizing the online classified service has brought shoppers from all across southeastern Ontario to the Habitat Northumberland ReStore.

Habitat Canada, Home Depot Canada, the Bolton ReStore and Stalwood Homes were major ReStore sponsors in 2014. As well, two local Tim Horton's franchises, committed to recycling more than just coffee cups during their latest

renovations; they chose to donate chairs, tables and bathroom fixtures to our ReStore. At least a dozen households in Northumberland County now sport "Timmy's" dinettes.

E-WASTE collection events continue to be a big draw for local homeowners, ensuring that outdated electronics stay out of landfills. Our largest E-WASTE collection of the season took place during the ReStore's 10th Anniversary Celebrations on May 30th. The ReStore hosted a free BBQ on this date, thanking our many shoppers and volunteers. Special sales and giveaways for this advertised event introduced even more new shoppers to our fabulous home-improvement store. Updated signage was unveiled in the ReStore, making it even easier for shoppers to find home renovation deals. Clear aisle signage, and colourful new exterior signage point our shoppers in the right direction - straight to savings at the Habitat Northumberland ReStore.

HONOURING Bill Cassells & Sherry Summersides with the Cathy Borowec Building Hope award



Bill Cassells has been an active member of the Thursday Crew for 8 years, always willing to jump in and help with any task. He really is a "Bill of All Trades."



Sherry Summersides has been a tireless volunteer not only in the ReStore where she volunteers twice a week, but also heading up the ReStore Parade Float Committee.



Habitat for Humanity ReNewIt

Two programs... One opportunity for change
Affordable loans to help local low-income families stay in their homes.

General Home Repair
Interest-free loans for general home repairs. Loan maximum of \$5,000
Examples could include roof repair, plumbing, electrical, deck repair.

Ramp Builder
Interest-free loans for accessibility home repairs. Loan maximum of \$5,000
Examples could include ramps, new and wider doors, accessibility bathroom facilities.

General Home Repair Program Sponsored by: United Way Northumberland, Rotary Club of Northumberland

Ramp Builder Program Sponsored by: Northumberland County

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