



## Habitat Winnipeg founder joins milestone homes celebration

**Winnipeg, MB, July 7, 2011** – Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg (HFHW) is hosting a celebration today during this year's Blitz Build to mark the building of the 2,000th home in Canada and the 200<sup>th</sup> home it has built locally. Paul Hiebert, a founder of the Winnipeg Habitat Affiliate--the first large city Affiliate in Canada--will be one of the guest speakers during the event. Mr. Hiebert and Al Doerkson along with two friends formed Habitat Winnipeg in a church basement on Church Street in 1987.

The event takes place near the Blitz Build site on the west side of Sir Sam Steele school on Chester Street at Nairn Avenue after the day's construction concludes at 4:30 p.m. Volunteers, sponsors and Habitat Winnipeg staff will be joined by Habitat International Board Chair Ken Klein, Habitat Canada Board Chair David Bowden, and President and Chief Executive Officer, Stewart Hardacre.

The proceedings start at 5:00 p.m. under the outdoor canopy with emcee Big Daddy Taz, who will also entertain an expected turnout of over 200 people with his wonderful off-the-cuff humour. Great food will be accompanied by the music styling of local singer/songwriter JP Hoe, with the evening concluding at 8:00 p.m.

It's a time for staff and Habitat supporters, past and present to reflect on the amazing accomplishments of what can be achieved by people from all walks of life coming together for the greater good. "It's not only a celebration of the milestone homes, but also of our passionate volunteers and financial supporters," says Sandy Hopkins, Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg CEO. "It's a great opportunity for the past to meet the present on a local and national level while enjoying some great shared experiences and camaraderie."

The media that show up covering the event are welcome to stay and join in the celebration.

For more information on the history of Habitat for Humanity: [http:// www.habitat.mb.ca/about-history.cfm](http://www.habitat.mb.ca/about-history.cfm)

*Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg is a local affiliate of an international non-profit registered charity committed to eliminating poverty housing and dedicated to making safe, decent and affordable housing for purchase by low-income working families.*

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