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2020 will forever have an asterisk beside it.

We closed our ReStores and offices completely on March 20th. On May 4th, the stores re-opened with reduced hours and are still operating that way. We re-opened the offices on a 50% basis on May 11th and fully re-opened them on July 6th. The build sites continued with our carpenters only in April, with trades coming back in May and volunteers mid-July. The volunteer groups are smaller

and limited to one organization per day with everyone on the site – staff, volunteers and trades required to wear a mask. Many other precautions are in place to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Our Business Plan for 2020 called for 17 starts in Winnipeg and 4 – 6 in Chapter locations. In mid-April, it looked like getting to 10 starts in total would be a significant accomplishment. We are very pleased to advise you that we currently have 13 units under construction in Winnipeg, plus two in Brandon and one in Selkirk.

We are deeply thankful to the donors, sponsors and volunteers who were able to

continue their support to us during this most difficult time.

Most of our events were/are cancelled for this year but we are hopeful that we will be able to resume sometime in 2021.

We are in the process of preparing our Business Plan for 2021. If the current situation holds for next year, e.g. we are not required to shut down for an extended period, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to start 14 – 16 homes in Winnipeg and another 5 – 9 in Chapter communities.

**Sandy Hopkins, CEO
Habitat for Humanity
Manitoba**



"We cannot *live*
only for **ourselves**.
A thousand **fibers**
connect us with
our fellow men."

HERMAN MELVILLE



Volunteering through

Kelly Kluger, Manager, Volunteer Services

COVID - 19 threw a bit of a wrench (or hammer more appropriately), into our volunteer program in 2020.

When we sat down in June to find the best way to safely host our volunteers on the build site, it was a complicated process to navigate. With no history of pandemic planning, we set out to determine best practices to engage volunteers.

In early July, Habitat Manitoba was one of the only Canadian affiliates initiating a plan to host volunteers on the build site. While events, and volunteering opportunities around the world were being turned into virtual experiences, that was not going to be a suitable solution to building homes.

The list of things we would need to take into consideration was long and we asked ourselves; how would we best be able to follow Dr. Roussin's fundamentals, as per the public health orders?

Wash your hands – hard to do with no running water.

Physically distance yourself from others – not easy on 25 x 50 lot.

Try to be outdoors – at least that one was easy to abide by. There could be no sharing of

food, no sharing tools or PPE and on and on. So, this is what we did. First, we brought in fancy portable washrooms with flush toilets and running water. We switched up our family style lunches to individual bagged lunches. We purchased wipes, sprays, hand sanitizer and disposable gloves galore. Initially we were unsure if we were going to be able to have our traditional group builds, we definitely were not going to have any large blitz builds, so first we reached out to some of our regular volunteers.

Habitat Manitoba is so fortunate to have a group that we lovingly refer to as 'The Dream Team'. These volunteers always answer the call when we need them most and we made a proposal to them. If they were to use their own PPE and tools, bring their own water and lunch, and we could physically distance everyone, would they be willing to come out and help? They said yes.

Fortunately, we were able to build on a large site slated for 20 homes, so distancing was not

difficult. Eventually, while continually monitoring our protocol, we were able to bring on additional volunteers and Team Build groups as well.

As fall approached, we enacted a mask mandate on the build site, and everyone who knows Habitat, knows that the safety of volunteers and staff are always a priority.

One of the many volunteers who came out this year is Gord. Gord is retired and is a consistent, long-term supporter of Habitat. Here is what he had to say about this year's volunteer experience.

"As a recent retiree, making sure that my calendar stays well stocked with meaningful activities is a priority."

Thankfully over the years Habitat has provided me many constructive opportunities, including fund raising, planning for, and riding in the annual Cycle of Hope bike tour as well as volunteering on the build sites from time to time.



the days of COVID-19

This year by mid-March, it was obvious that a shift of gears to something else was going to be necessary from my usual pattern of spending a few days a week tracking down accommodations and meals for the 2020 Cycle of Hope riders in Wyoming and Colorado.

On an early morning stroll, I saw an excavator on a Habitat site in my neighborhood, struggling to chip through the frozen ground to dig a basement. Over the next few weeks, stopping by the site to "sidewalk supervise" the staff carpenters and check in to see if there was any talk of volunteers being needed became a regular event. Fortunately, as the initial Manitoba cases dwindled, opportunities to join the build opened up.

I truly appreciated the chance to help and refine some of my construction skills as well as have some distanced social contact with other always friendly staff and volunteers.

The additional Covid safety measures implemented were well thought out and helped make the volunteer experience feel comfortable in these uncertain times.

As the case numbers started to climb again later in the summer, mandatory facemasks were added to our new routines. Though it certainly made the physical labour a little more challenging, it kept everyone's health and safety front and centre. Having the chance to come out and build has certainly helped me pass the Covid time in a useful and safe manner."

We also had some new volunteers this season and one of them is Nova. Nova is a 17 year old who has a keen interest in carpentry. She came out many times this season, starting with Women Build. Nova was very quiet the first few times we met her, but over the summer, she became a confident, valued volunteer, and her skills and knowledge increased each week. Nova shared the following:

"When I first heard about Habitat for Humanity, I didn't think I had the strength or knowledge to volunteer on one of their build sites. I gave it a try anyway because it seemed like

it would be a great experience. It turned out to be even better than I imagined. I learned so much and got to work with some really enjoyable people. Volunteering at Habitat was the highlight of my whole summer!"

2020 has been a unique and sometimes challenging year, but because of the support we have received from so many dedicated volunteers, we have exceeded what we thought we could accomplish by far, and we are so grateful to each one of them. We appreciate the resiliency, adaptability and support of our volunteers and we feel that we will have all come out of this year with a renewed sense of purpose in knowing that together we have survived!



Ken McCrea's Passion for Habitat for Humanity Embodied Wawanesa's Commitment to Community



The kind words used to describe Ken McCrea flow generously from those who knew him. Brilliant, humble, thoughtful, giving, a first-class individual, a superhero. Wawanesa's past President and Chief Executive Officer passed away on April 12, 2020 following a short and courageous battle with cancer. Doctors found a tumor on Ken's spine in February which also revealed a devastating diagnosis of stage 4 cancer.

Ken spent 33 years working at Wawanesa, first joining the company as Internal Auditor, later becoming President and CEO from 2007 until he retired in 2014. He had a gift with numbers and a deep passion for his community. While at the helm of Wawanesa, Ken grew increasingly fond of Habitat for Humanity, one of many charities Wawanesa supports.

A desire to do more

"He held Habitat in very high regard," says Ken's wife Charlene McCrea. In 2012 he approached Habitat for Humanity Manitoba to join their Board. Chief Executive Officer Sandy Hopkins remembers the conversation.

"He phoned me up and said, 'I'd be interested in serving on your board, do you think that's possible?' And I said, Absolutely! You're one of the smartest people I've ever met, hugely successful in business, yeah we'd like to have you in a heartbeat," says Sandy.

"From day one he was an important contributor on our Board with his insightful analysis of our financials and his policy leadership," says Sandy.

"Ken deepened that connection between Wawanesa and Habitat for Humanity," says Jodi Carradice, Wawanesa's Senior Vice President and Chief People and Culture Officer.

"The approach of Wawanesa's involvement was that of neighbours helping neighbours, living who we are as a mutual insurance company," explains Jodi.

Bringing people together

While Ken was at the helm of Wawanesa he created greater engagement with having employees participate in the annual build day. In 2018 and 2019 alone, more than 100 Wawanesa employees volunteered a total of 880 hours for Habitat.

The build days were also a highlight for Ken. Every year he looked forward to working alongside other volunteers and fellow board members including Jodi and Brad Kopp, Director of Fixed Income Investments at Wawanesa. Both joined the Habitat Manitoba Board on Ken's encouragement.

Ken also started the Manitoba Property Insurance Build, an annual sponsorship established in 2013.

"Ken talked about it being a great opportunity for the insurance industry to collaborate in serving families in the building of a home," says Jodi.

In 2021 Wawanesa will surpass \$1.2 million in donations to Habitat for Humanity, marking a significant milestone for the company with Manitoba roots.

"We're so proud to be able to invest in our community because it is at the core of who we are," says Jodi.

Ken shared similar feelings about Habitat. "He believed it provided people with hope," says Charlene. He believed so much in Habitat that he remained on the Board after retiring from Wawanesa and attended meetings as long as he could before he passed away.

Dufresne Furniture & Appliances



Building community is so important to Dufresne Furniture & Appliances that it's one of the pillars which support the company's foundation. One of the best examples of putting that pillar in action is the retailer's long-standing partnership with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba. For over a decade, Dufresne has supported Habitat's work in the province through product donations and volunteerism – building community, one home at a time, and changing the lives of all those involved.

Dufresne began its relationship with the organization in 2008 with the donation of appliances for new Habitat-built homes. Since then, the company has provided high-efficiency washers, dryers, and dishwashers for 188 families, helping parents manage laundry and dishes for over 800 kids.

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba's Vice-President of Marketing, Communications, and Philanthropy, Michelle Pereira, says the organization prides itself on building the most energy efficient homes in Manitoba, and being able to equip them with high-efficiency laundry sets has

been a part of that success. In addition to keeping energy bills low, she says the appliances have had a profound effect on the homeowners, most of whom are accustomed to using coin operated machines.

"Dufresne is doing more than donating appliances; it's changing how our families feel when they get to use them," says Pereira. "I remember walking into a home and the Mom saw the washer and dryer and broke down into tears. She never thought that she would ever be able to afford a laundry set like that, ever."

Over the years, Dufresne team members have also taken the opportunity to don hardhats and tool belts, providing dozens of hours of volunteer labour to Habitat builds in Winnipeg, where the company's head office is located.

The partnership is mutually beneficial. Pereira says not only do volunteers help Habitat keep its hard costs down, the volunteers themselves benefit from the experience. Jessica Smithson, a category manager at Dufresne who has taken part in

three builds with her colleagues, says volunteering goes far beyond the immediate impact that it has on the community.

"It is such a strengthening exercise for us because we are able to take on a challenge together," she says. "It's great to see others push their limits and, in some cases, fear of heights and closed spaces because the entire team is there to encourage and support!"

Although she may not use the building skills that she has picked up in her everyday life, Smithson says she loves being pushed mentally and physically and gets great satisfaction from seeing the results of her team's hard work.

"I attended the key ceremony of one house we helped build and that was the best part," she says. "To come back to a place that went from a house to a home for a family, and to see them receive their key, makes me proud to be part of my team and energizes me further to keep building!"

Every day, Dufresne is helping to build the communities we live and do business in.

Learn more at dufresne.ca/pages/in-our-community.



In the Memory of

Patricia MacDonald

When Patricia MacDonald passed away, she left the major portion of her estate to Habitat for Humanity Manitoba. She loved her own house and I guess she felt that everyone needed a good home to succeed in life. She spent a great deal of time and effort on her garden, she decorated various rooms for the changing seasons and holidays, and she did a great deal of entertaining in her home with friends and colleagues. She was always improving her house in small and large ways.

But Patricia was so much more than her house. She had been a skilled teacher of the deaf. By the time of her death she had retired and was studying to be a counselor. She would have been a wonderful counselor! She was an amazing listener and always had wise counsel to provide. She was a warm and generous person. I remember when I moved into my home across the lane from hers, having come from Saskatchewan, she came over with a container of chocolate cake and slices of watermelon because,

“nobody should be hungry.”

She was an excellent neighbour to us and now through Habitat for Humanity she can be a virtual excellent neighbour to so many more.

Written with love by her dear friend Shelley Sweeney.

The Ursuline Sisters

of Tildonk

The Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk have been faithful supporters of Habitat Manitoba for nine years,



contributing a total of \$975,000.

One of the highlights of their year is to help choose a family who will live in the “Faith Build” home.

It is a very joyful experience for them to review each biography and they always say – **“We wish we could help them all.”**

Such generosity on such a large scale is something that we at Habitat Manitoba are so grateful for. The Ursuline Sisters have made an impact on so many families and their legacy will live

on through their generosity. The motto that they live by which can be seen throughout the Residence speaks for itself:

“Act, move, believe, strive, hope, cry out to Him with all your heart, for without doubt, you will see marvelous things.”
~ St. Angela Merici



Photo taken October 28, 2015



every parent wants a better future for their family.

Dawn-Marie is a single mother who has strived to overcome personal difficulties in efforts to make a better life for herself and her two children. She currently works in the hospitality industry.

Dawn-Marie and her children have been living in their Manitoba Housing apartment since 2012.

Dawn-Marie has been on Habitat construction sites working very hard on completing her 500 sweat equity hours and is looking forward to working alongside volunteers and sponsors to build her home this year.

Dawn-Marie's home has been funded by donors that specifically wanted to donate to the Habitat Indigenous build.



Gordon Food Service proudly supports Habitat

Gordon Food Service is proud to be able to support Habitat for Humanity Canada over the course of many years. One of the rewarding benefits of this partnership is having GFS employees work onsite to help build a home that will benefit a local family. In 2020, GFS employees in the Winnipeg office worked on two separate homes to support Habitat for Humanity Manitoba. These events are particularly special because even during the COVID-19 pandemic our employees are still committed to volunteering to build on site with all safety measures in place.

GFS employee Rudy Loewen has attended multiple build days over the years, and after the most recent build he remarked **“One of the things that really affects me personally is seeing the keys handed over to a homeowner and seeing their excitement knowing that they and their families are going to be safe with a roof over their head.”**

Gordon Food Service looks forward to continuing the partnership with Habitat for Humanity Canada and the local Habitats across Canada to benefit more local families in need of affordable housing.



Habitat Build Days

A huge thank you to all of the groups that came out to build with us in 2020! We are thankful for your faith in our ability to deliver a safe and rewarding experience during a pandemic and enhanced COVID-19 protocol.

After several months of uncertainty and a two-month delay to the start of our volunteer construction season, we were delighted to once again host groups on our build sites starting in early July. It was a pleasure to hear the sound of many hammers banging away. And although at times smiles were hidden behind face masks, they were aglow in the eyes of our volunteers. We also want to thank all the groups that were unable to build, but provided financial support.

The tireless manpower of our volunteers helps reduce our labour costs while the financial contributions made go directly into the build program, helping us build more homes for families in need of affordable homeownership. An investment in our builds is an investment in your team and your community. No other team build program can provide the same level of engagement, connection to the cause, and community impact that a Habitat Build Day can offer. We invite participants of all skill levels and abilities to join us on our build sites - no construction experience required and we provide you with everything you will need for your build day. If you are interested in booking a Team Build Day for your group in 2021, please visit www.habitat.mb.ca/teambuild/ or contact sbuffie@habitat.mb.ca.

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Spirit of Hope

With the cancellation of the 2020 Cycle of Hope due to the global pandemic, a small group of passionate cyclists organized their own local ride to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Manitoba. Deemed the Spirit of Hope, they rode from Winnipeg to Hecla to Winnipeg during the week of August 24 to 28.

Thanks to the hospitality of Camp Arnes, they also had a chance to experience a few other adrenaline-filled adventures including a moderately terrifying, high ropes course.

All of the money raised went towards the Cycle of Hope Sponsored Home on Matheson Ave. E. and the emotional key ceremony took place on September 25.

Hussen, Saada and their two girls moved into their new home at the end of September.

Thank you Gord Steindel, Kelly Malcolmson, Rita Morier, Paul Park, Jeff Mychasiw, Barry Spain, Ken & Patti Ireland-Buhler, Ian Hughes and John Hill for your participation and fund raising efforts.

Special thanks to Rick Mahon and Vi Spain for volunteering to provide support for the riders along the route.



Ride Around the Lake

The 14th Annual Ride Around the Lake event was a huge success!

When COVID-19 hit in March, we were in the midst of planning the 14th Annual Ride Around the Lake cycling fundraising event. We had immediate fears that the event may not happen, which would result in one less family moving into a Habitat home.

Realizing that the need for affordable housing was even more important now, the organizing committee made the commitment to continue with the ride and raise what funds they could.

They reduced the number of cyclists and redesigned the ride to be safe and compliant with Ontario restrictions. The result was beyond what anyone could have imagined.

Special thanks to Andrea Tetrault and her team at **Tetro Design** for the creative jersey, mask & socks design, **Alter Ego Sports** for the outstanding mechanical support, **Tom Thomson Photography** for incredible event photos and of course **Johnathan Scott** who provided additional mechanical support.

We would also like to thank **Katy and Ingrid** for the delicious lunch on Friday and **901 Westside** for the amazing catering.

Ride Around The Lake would not be possible without the incredible support of our sponsors, including:



As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to reflect back on what Women Build was able to accomplish through a very challenging year.

We launched the third season of the Women Build Speaker Series presented by Qualico on March 6, 2020 in celebration of International Women's Day. Shortly after the Speaker Series, the world became a very different place. The Women Build Committee's fundraising efforts have, like so many other things, been impacted by COVID-19 with some events postponed or cancelled.

Thankfully, with the necessary safety precautions in place Women Build was able to host a two week build blitz for the construction of our 17th house at the end of July. This year the Women Build sponsored home will be purchased by Teru, a single mother of 3 girls. The blitz might have looked and felt a bit different this year with physical distancing and other safety measures in place, but we still managed to make it a fun and challenging volunteer experience. We were happy to see numerous familiar faces and welcome many new ones to our build.

We held the 11th Annual Holes for Homes Golf Event, presented by Abalon Foundation Repairs, at the beautiful Lorette Golf Course in August. In September, we held the

first Handbag Bingo at Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre. This was a super fun event that I am sure you will see return in 2021.

Unfortunately, the Steel Toes & Stilettos, Quiz Night and fall Speaker Series events were cancelled due to COVID-19. However, we are pleased to wrap up the fundraising year with an online Wine Raffle with the support of Jones & Company Wine Merchants. Tickets are still available with the draw taking place on December 14th, 2020.

We always enjoy the opportunity to introduce women to home construction, and through mentorship and training allow them to extend their home building and leadership skills. Women Build would not be able to do any of this without the support of our event sponsors and attendees, and of course our dedicated volunteers. We also would not be able to accomplish our goals without the tremendous community support we receive. We are eternally grateful to Ruth Hastings for leading our Build a Future Campaign for the past seven years.

Though we may not be able to have an in-person official key ceremony this year with Teru, we look forward to seeing her and her daughters enjoying their new home when we are out building our 18th Women Build home on the same site next year.

Thank you and remember each dollar raised and every nail hammered makes an impact!

Joanne Machado
Chair, Women Build Fundraising Committee
Construction Crew Leader

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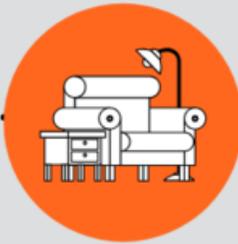
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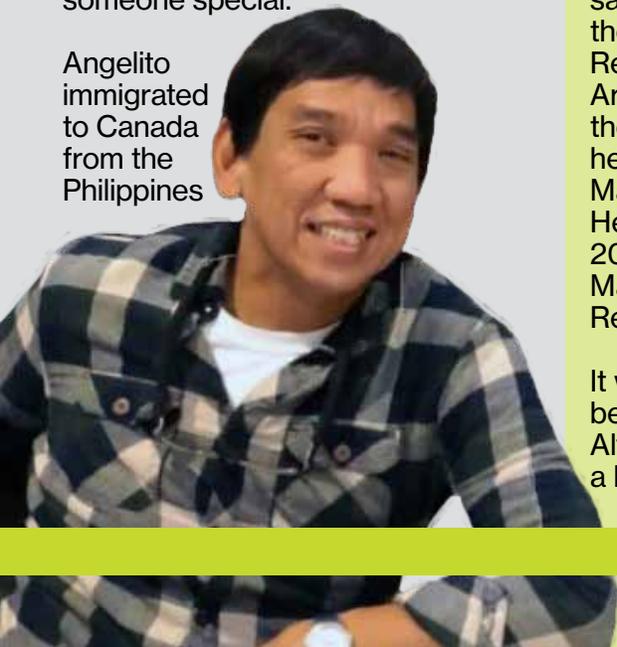
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In Memory



Angelito was a friend, colleague, and role model for the entire ReStore team. In whatever role we knew him, from whatever vantage point, he stood apart as someone special.

Angelito immigrated to Canada from the Philippines



in the year prior to working in the ReStore. He was hired as a part time sales associate in January 2014 for the Archibald location. He was promoted to full time sales associate in April 2014 with the setup of the new Ellice ReStore. He worked at both the Archibald and Ellice stores until the end of 2015. In January 2016 he was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Archibald store. He was again promoted in August 2019 to the position of Store Manager for the new Inkster ReStore location.

It was a privilege for us to have been a part of Angelito's life. Although much too short, his, was a life well lived! He was a

determined, goal orientated, caring person who loved life.

Angelito's contributions were powerful and his work ethic more than remarkable. Energy, commitment, integrity and a contagious smile are what captures our image of Angelito. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend.

Angelito Nuestro passed suddenly on November 2nd, just shy of his 52nd birthday. Angelito – a caring and beloved husband, a cherished colleague, and friend will be missed by many, but never forgotten by those fortunate enough to have known him.

Meaning of Home

**13th
annual**

Meaning of Home contest invites Grades 4, 5 and 6 students from across Canada to submit a written poem, essay or video (English or French) explaining what home means to them. There is no cost to enter. Working with founding sponsor Sagen™ (formerly Genworth Canada) since 2007, over 68,000 students have shared what home means to them. Thanks to their inspiring words, and the support of our generous sponsors, the Meaning of Home contest has raised over \$1.7 million to build homes across Canada for families in need of decent and affordable housing.

Contest opens for entries January 4, 2021

Prizing

\$30,000 grand prize winners (one from each grade; three total)

\$30,000 grant to be directed to a local Habitat build.

\$10,000 runners-up (three from each grade; nine total)

Three contest runners-up per grade will receive a \$10,000 grant towards a local Habitat build project.

In addition to the \$30,000 grants, the contest grand prize winners will also receive an iPad and a pizza party for their class. Runners-up will each receive an electronic tablet and a class pizza party, in addition to the \$10,000 grants. PLUS, for every entry \$10 will be donated to their local Habitat.



Inspire your students and give back

Curriculum kits are provided to help students improve their **critical thinking, communication and creative skills.**

Find out more about The Meaning of Contest by visiting: meaningofhome.ca



Brandon Chapter

Volunteer Spotlight

Habitat Brandon hosts an annual Women Build, where we dedicate a full week to empowering women on the construction site while they build a home for a local family.

Theresa Gibbons, contacted the Chapter in early July to express her interest in being a part of Women Build and volunteering with the Chapter.

Through conversation, Theresa informed the Chapter that she has a mobility impairment and is in a wheel chair, and was adamant that she wanted to help out in any way possible.

Her determination and energy was contagious and uplifting. Theresa set out with a goal to raise \$400. She set up at the local Global Market on Saturdays collecting pledges, and gained the attention of the Brandon Sun who ran a story about her efforts.

Following the story, Theresa was

contacted by Killarney's Chapman Motors who donated \$200 in Support of Theresa's efforts.

This donation helped Theresa surpass her \$400 goal.

Energized and eager to continue to raise funds, Theresa set a new goal of \$700, and made it her mission to contact local car dealerships to see if they would meet or exceed the \$200 donation.

Theresa received positive feedback from local dealerships who are currently raising funds in their offices to support her fundraising efforts.

To date, Theresa has raised \$588 and with her continued efforts, she is sure to surpass her new goal.

Theresa is passionate about Habitat for Humanity and the work we do in supporting local families secure stable affordable housing. In Theresa's words,



“Everyone needs a place to rest their head”.

Looking forward to the 2021 build season, Theresa is working with the Brandon Chapter to find safe ways for her to be on-site to assist in the build process.

We look forward to seeing Theresa's fundraising be directed to the Women Build fundraising efforts.

It is volunteers like Theresa that are so important to Habitat's mission to build safe, decent and energy efficient homes that in turn help Brandon families build strength, stability & independence.

Community Development Partners



Build Partners



Wawanesa Insurance, a proud Manitoba company, has actively supported Habitat for Humanity for many years in a variety of ways including sponsorship of our Special Events. Since 2013, Wawanesa has been the lead donor for the Manitoba Property Insurance annual home build. In addition to the cash support to Habitat, Wawanesa employees don their work boots and tool belts to assist to build a home each year.



FLOFORM Countertops, with its Head Office in Winnipeg, is a leading manufacturer of quality countertops. Since 2010, FLOFORM has been fabricating and installing all countertops for Habitat for Humanity homes in Winnipeg.



At Dufresne Furniture, we believe it is our honour and our responsibility to support the communities that have continued to support us for nearly 30 years. We are proud to partner with HFHM by providing product to the ReStore and a new energy efficient washer and dryer pair for each new home build in Winnipeg. Find out more about Dufresne at www.dufresne.ca.



Qualico, a fully integrated real estate company with our roots established in Winnipeg, has supported and partnered with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba for nearly 30 years. Our support includes the lead sponsorship of the annual Ride Around the Lake cycling fundraiser alongside a dedicated involvement with Women Build events, and we are proud to have partnered with Habitat for Humanity Manitoba on its first-ever net-zero build in 2018. Our employees also join in and volunteer on the job site to build homes for Habitat Builds each year, assisting working families in their pursuit of homeownership.



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