

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

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BUILD UPDATE

The construction team, volunteers, and homeowners have been very hard at work, both at our Albert Park location, and our Elgin location in McKenzie Towne. As Linda & Gary and family, and Dana and family near the end of their 500 hours of sweat-equity and apply final touches to their homes, the anticipation of moving in is in the air!



Elgin Home

We are also pleased to announce that we will be breaking ground on our next duplex in Elgin in early March, and the staff and volunteers look forward to meeting the new homeowners who will occupy this duplex.



Albert Park Home

The construction crew would like to extend their warmest thanks, as always, to our dedicated volunteers who make it all happen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Shisomiso Boutique & Gallery
105 100 7th Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0W4
www.shisomiso.com

On Saturday April 10, in partnership with *Shisomiso Boutique and Gallery*, we will be hosting a fashion show at Art Central. Included in this event is a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25.

Please call Victoria or Irene at 403—266-4211 for tickets or more information.

MEET OUR PARTNER FAMILIES

Lena and Family –New Brighton Project

Lena is a single mom with 4 children; sons Cedric (14), Ronan (2) and daughters Jaden (8) and Lola (5). Lena has had many ups and downs in her life and has overcome some truly difficult circumstances. Lena, exhibiting tremendous strength of character and committed to improving the quality of life for her children, put herself through school full-time to earn a Legal Assistant Diploma and now has a full time career as a legal assistant. Lena's work colleagues and friends speak highly of her and her family, indicating that she is a strong, dedicated and caring friend, employee and mother. She has strong community ties, is a committed volunteer with Servant's Anonymous and is committed to furthering her education and training, as she is currently working towards an Oil & Gas Land Administration Certificate. The children are excited about having a place they can finally call their own!



HELLO ALL VOLUNTEERS!

A number of you have already been volunteering with us here at Habitat Calgary, but many of you are newcomers...so welcome! I would like to announce that we have a new online registration system, which means if you submitted an application prior to December 26th, 2009, you will need to go to our Web site at www.habitatcalgary.ca and re-apply online.

It only takes a few minutes and it is a 'onetime only' process. Once you do this, your name will be automatically entered into our new database and you will have full access to all the volunteer opportunities Habitat Calgary has to offer. Just by using your email address and your newly created password, you will be able to register online for any of the volunteer opportunities available including special events like the Home and Garden Show, and the Airdrie Home and Garden Fair. Currently we are **not** accepting any volunteers at the construction sites since the two homes in progress are near completion. We will be breaking ground for a second duplex in the Elgin/McKenzie Town community in early March, which will enable more construction volunteer opportunities for all of you. Until then, we appreciate your patience and strong desire to help accomplish our mission. Don't forget to visit the online registration site regularly to ensure you sign up for the volunteer opportunity of your choice. Thank you again for your interest in Habitat Calgary and if you have any questions or would like more information you can contact Joanne ter Harmsel, Manager Volunteer Services at volunteer@habitatcalgary.ca.



THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN CALGARY - DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN MAKE REAL CHANGE!

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore sells quality, new and used furniture, appliances and building materials to the public at greatly reduced prices. All products are donated by local people or businesses keeping useful items out of the landfill. 100% of ReStore proceeds cover Habitat Calgary's administration costs ensuring that all donations to Habitat go directly to the construction of affordable homes for families in need.

Helping our environment

When you donate any of your gently used appliances or household furnishings you are helping to keep materials out of our landfill sites that would normally be thrown out. By calling our donation line, we can quickly confirm if the product is something we can sell, and can arrange for one of our trucks to pick the goods up. Over the last two years Habitat for Humanity's RESTORE has kept in excess of 3,000,000 pounds of material out of our Calgary landfill and recycled thousands of products that normally would have been destroyed.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore has 3 locations in Calgary to serve you – call 403-291-6764 for details!

Watch this space over the next few months for information on how you can help yourself and others!

