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A PUBLICATION OF THE VOLK WAY BLITZ BUILD

## The Day

The first day of the build started with perfect weather, lots of smiles and an ambitious work plan.

Over 200 volunteers spent the day putting up exterior walls on blocks one and two and starting the second storey floors on block one.

Visitors to the site included Reverend Terence Finlay, Mag Ruffiman, John McKay, MP, Scarborough East, Gerry Phillips, MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt, Steve Gilchrist, MPP, Scarborough East and Bas Balkissoon, Councillor, Scarborough-Rouge River, City of Toronto.



## The Sponsors

**CoreNet** (Corporate Real Estate Network) takes seriously the social responsibility that comes with being an influential international association. As its Community Re-Investment Challenge Program, CoreNET's Toronto chapter undertook to sponsor the Santiago home, achieving this goal through pledges from over 55 CoreNet members, colleagues, suppliers, and friends both in Canada and the U.S. While CoreNet has supported Habitat in the US, including funding homes in Dallas and Salt Lake City, this is its first sponsorship in Canada.

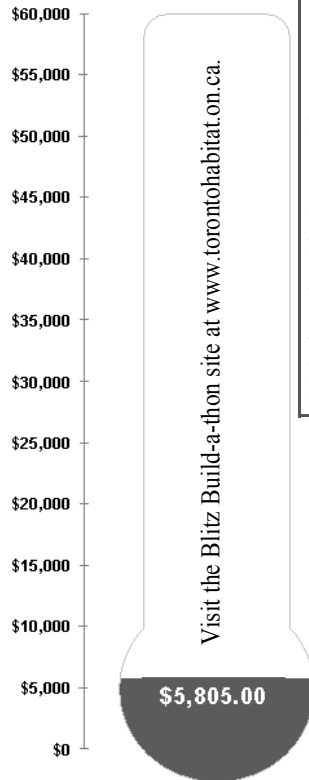
**The Hawkins Family** has been a great friend to Habitat Toronto, sponsoring a home for the 2nd year in a row. Habitat Toronto is also grateful for the many other ways the Hawkins have shown their support; Susan's volunteer commitment, and their hosting of Habitat founder Millard Fuller's last two visits to Toronto.

## DEVOTION SCHEDULE

(All devotions at 8:00 am)

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The RT. Rev. Terence Finlay
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Father Thomas Rosica
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reverend Daniel MacKinnon

## THE BUILD-A-THON TO DATE



## The Families

The **Koelmeyer Family** currently lives in a cramped one-bedroom apartment. They have only one word to describe the Habitat community consisting of volunteers, corporate sponsors and staff - "Great!" "Everyone is so great for helping my family," says mom, Visaka. "When I heard about Habitat, I knew we had to apply for a home. I had been praying for help."

The **Santiago Family** is Emma, a single mother who works two jobs as a cashier in order to support herself, and her daughter Sheryl. After years of sharing space in a series of inadequate apartments, they never dreamed that in 2003, their wish would come true. They plan to grow a vegetable garden like Emma's mother has in the Philippines.

**A BIG THANK YOU**  
 Worldwide Church of God and Danforth Mennonite for providing lunch and dinner for the crews today.  
 AND  
 Materials Handling Team of Jenny Tromanhauser and Brian Dewar.



**SPECIAL THANKS TO HERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE**