

DREAM EVENTS

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A NATURAL PARTNERSHIP!

When it comes to giving to charities or community-based events, BILD and its members are there in spades supporting everything from community festivals to sports teams to arts, culture, health and education.

When BILD looked at the Habitat model, they realized that it was a natural selection, as they are both in the business of providing shelter. BILD's president Michael Moldenhauer also said that what attracted the association to getting involved with Habitat is their great reputation and business model.

"We like that it's based on homeownership with no government subsidies involved," he said.

Add in the fact that 100 per cent of every dollar donated to Habitat goes directly to helping people (Habitat funds its operations through its Re-Store revenues) and Habitat was the perfect fit for the association.

Since their partnership began, the BILD membership has really taken it to heart with many individual members augmenting the association's participation with direct donations of money, materials, skilled labour or volunteer labour when Habitat is "blitz-building."

This summer, BILD had the honour of dedicating (turning over the keys) their fifth Habitat for Humanity Home. Each dedication is a "moving" moment, literally and figuratively, but the fact



At the Building Industry and Land Development's Annual General Meeting, incoming president Michael Moldenhauer and 2007 president Bob Finnigan had the honour of presenting Kim Smiley and Shauna Walters of Habitat for Humanity with a cheque for the sponsorship of BILD's 5th Habitat for Humanity Home.

that this was the first Habitat home built to ENERGY STAR® standards added a nice green dimension to their philanthropy.

As Habitat CEO Neil Hetherington said at the time, "the Habitat homes at 4200 Kingston Road showcase the building industry's commitment to energy efficiency and the environment. The 'green' build will directly translate into savings in operating costs for Habitat families and create savings for Habitat that can be allocated to the next set of homes slated for construction."

Earlier, BILD was very pleased to present Habitat for Humanity Toronto with a cheque for \$80,000 on behalf of the membership of the association, fulfilling their commitment as a home sponsor.

This brings the association's total contribution to Habitat to nearly \$400,000 since the partnership began, not including all the direct support of the individual members.

The reason the association supports Habitat and why its individual members are so supportive of so many causes are simple, says Moldenhauer.

"We do it because we believe in giving back to our communities. We do it because the GTA is the place where we live, work and play. We do it because the GTA is our home too."

For more information on how you can donate, volunteer to build homes or apply to own a Habitat home, please visit www.torontohabitat.on.ca.