



## Canada Builds Teams Begin Arriving

The first 2 of 5 Canada Builds teams arrived in August. With their help, Habitat Yukon was able to make a significant start on our four new, affordable homes.



The first team was mostly made up of staff members and volunteers from the Habitat Greater Toronto Area office. They worked hard “pre-fabbing” all the crawl space walls. To do this, they needed

to learn how to use all the standard power tools that are used on a construction site. This included chop saws, table saws and air nailers. Many thanks to Jean Marc, Remy and Ayla for providing all their excellent instruction. Another, important but not glamorous, task the team provided was to help clean out our very disorganized storage container. Wow, and what a job they did!! It has never been so well organized.



Also, a big thanks to Cindy, Brendan, John, Sam/Greg, Rhea, Tanya/Jeff and Rachel/Jon for the wonderful lunches.



Our second Canada Builds team was an “open” group with volunteers coming from all across the country. They worked on installing the forms for the concrete footings. This entailed laying out the forms; staking them and ensuring they were level; adding the poly and tying in the rebar to give strength to the



concrete. This required a fair amount of manual labour to move the sand with wheelbarrows and shovels. They also were able to start constructing the walls that will be part of the main floor of the family homes.

As in past years, all the teams participated in a Cultural Day with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation. Many thanks to Meta and Harold for their insightful tour of *Kwäday Dän Kenji* ("Long Ago Peoples Place") and to Kathleen and John for the excellent presentation at the *Da Ky Cultural Centre*. This is much appreciated by our visiting volunteers and is a highlight of their week.



## BUILDING UPDATE



The work is moving quickly at our site at 18 Bailey Place in Whistle Bend. We hope to have the concrete forms poured shortly, and then the walls will go up. Drop by and have a look. If you would like to help out, please contact us. Our info is on the bottom of the page.

## Friends of Habitat Yukon



Arctic Backhoe has been a wonderful partner for Habitat Yukon since our inception. They provide the crew and equipment to excavate our sites and install our services.

The company also strongly believes in the need for affordable housing for our community and are willing to provide substantial discounts to us to make this happen. Wayne and Murray deserve a big round of applause for all their help.