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2016 Annual Report

The power of
every...

Message from our interim ED

GREETINGS Habitat Members! I am very happy to report to you as the interim executive director for Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast. It is my pleasure to work with a great team: our board, our founders, our families, our staff, both the ReStore and our project supervisor, and the teams of volunteers that manage our two recycling stations in Sechelt and Gibsons. Each one of these individuals has contributed immeasurably to our success.



Laurie Vance

My focus for the organization is truly reflective of the strategic direction from Habitat for Humanity (national), notably the word "every." You will see this word emphasized throughout this presentation, as we believe it truly reflects who we are. We have reached out to our current and past board members for support and we have received it. As a result, our affiliate is once more moving along at record pace.

The Board continues to work on its Habitat Village. We are working with two families that we hope to move into units 5 & 6 later this summer and we have work underway on units 13 & 14, with Tyvek to be installed shortly.

We have teams of volunteers lined up throughout the summer months to assist with getting these properties ready for occupancy, in addition, we are building a park at the entrance to the complex with the help of 38 Bank of Montreal executives who were onsite last week. We also have a group from the Royal Bank lined up for a day, and a student group is also coming to help. In addition, we have many onsite volunteers working with our site supervisor, which is making a big difference in getting the job done! Our ReStore continues to break records daily, which is just fantastic as these resources go right back into our builds to make housing affordable for our families. Our Recycling program continues to provide significant additional funds which adds to our success. This program is run entirely by dedicated volunteers and we appreciate all of their efforts!

The board continues to work on its governance policies, with the anticipated hiring of a new executive director in the next short while. We hope to have a new strategic plan in place to guide our activities for the future.

We have seen extreme pressure on the Sunshine Coast for the past six months as we see the lower mainland real estate activity impact our local market and we can continue to expect more of the same. Our affiliate survives on the goodwill we receive from our community and to this end we hope to extend our relationships with the four local governments, Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, Sechelt Band, and Sunshine Coast Regional District as we see the need for establishing a formal relationship for the development of a land bank for our future builds.

Message from our board chair

HABITAT for Humanity Sunshine Coast faced a challenging year in 2015. As many of you know, we did not complete any new builds and the unit we were building ended up being exposed to the elements throughout the winter.

There was a positive note, though: our first family converted to home ownership at our Sunshine Coast Village.

I would like to acknowledge Victor Mema, Sheila Gamble, Joanne Harringa, Elen Mackinnon, Linda Klassen and Dave Magnuson-Ford, who are no longer serving with us, and thank them for their contributions to Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast.



Mat Saddler

I would also like to thank Laurie Vance, Ken Croizier, David Connors and Margie Garrard for joining the board as well as Chris Pallett and Dean Clement for remaining and working through some of these difficult times. A special thanks to Sean Whelan who has come back to help us manage the build site at the Sunshine Coast Village.

The future is bright on the Sunshine coast. I have seen more volunteer applications over the past few months than I have seen in the past two years. Thank you to all past, current and future volunteers as well as our corporate sponsors. Without every one of you, none of this would be possible.

Over the course of 2016 we plan on completing four homes while converting another four families to home ownership. We plan to have the foundation for our next build in place by February 2017. This will allow us to include the ACE-IT kids in the construction and ensure the best experience for everyone.

If you want to see first-hand the exciting new developments at Habitat Village, come to our open house on July 9 from 1-3 p.m.

We are always looking for volunteers and have immediate openings for anyone interested in assisting with family selection, family support and our gala committee as well as at the ReStore. We also need help at our build site at Habitat Village. And our amazing bottle-recycling team can always use a hand. If you are interested, please contact executivedirector@habitatco.ca.

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Every person

deserves a safe, decent, affordable home

The power of every...

We enjoy a wonderful life here on the Sunshine Coast. Beautiful ocean vistas, beaches and lakes; dozens of hiking trails that are a joy for people of all fitness levels; hundreds of miles of mountain-biking trails; world-class fishing.

There's cross-country skiing in the winter, kayaking in the summer and fine restaurants and enticing shops all year round.

Every hike!

Hundreds of fine artists call the Sunshine Coast home and capture its beauty in a myriad of mediums.

But not everyone is able to share in this bounty and contribute to our future. Many Sunshine Coast families juggle multiple jobs and still struggle to make ends meet. When families struggle, children struggle. Some parents have to make the tough choice to either pay their bills or feed their family.

We are working to change this, and affordable housing is a big step toward this goal.

Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast is one of more than 1,400 Habitat for Humanity affiliates worldwide sharing a common vision and purpose.

We are a non-profit housing organization working with families and communities to build safe, decent and affordable homes. By offering zero down payment, no-interest mortgages capped at 30 per cent of a family's income, Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast empowers families to achieve stability and self-reliance, so that they can build a better life for themselves and their children.

While the Sunshine Coast may not have to deal with gang violence and rough inner-city neighbourhoods, we have our own unique problems that can hold families back.

A quick glance at the real estate pages of our local newspapers shows that housing prices are soaring as more and more people flee Vancouver's overheated housing market.



Above, Carol Andersson chats with Dan Maclean at Habitat Village last Friday. Carol has brought teams of Bank of Montreal volunteers to the Sunshine Coast for the past five years to do a one-day building blitz. At left, board member Margie Garrard puts young volunteer Ethan Hung to work.



Compounding the problem is a severe lack of affordable rental housing as landlords put their property up for sale to take advantage of the red-hot housing market. As the Sunshine Coast becomes more and more popular with tourists,

many landlords are putting their properties into the short-term

rental market, such as Airbnb, further reducing the affordable housing options for struggling families.

Huge layoffs at Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Ltd., one of the largest employers on the Sunshine Coast, have also put many families under stress.

Every beach!

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**Every community
has the power to change lives**

All of this means that many young, working families are stretched to the limit.

Affordable home ownership helps families break the cycle of poverty by enabling these families to build equity and assets and reduce their dependence on other forms of social assistance. Owning a decent, safe, affordable home can allow a family to live a more financially stable, healthier life, and creates possibilities where they can save for their future, invest in education and provide opportunities for their children and for generations to come.

An affordable home ownership model that works

Through years of experience, Habitat for Humanity has developed an affordable homeownership and mortgage model that is sustainable and scalable and actually works.

Ken and Rebecca Nelson will soon become our newest Habitat family. The young parents of Taylor, 7, Noah, 6, Malachi, 5, and Esther, 2, are getting more

Every fish!

and more excited as their unit nears completion. They have put in more than 420 hours of volunteer service at the village and at ReStore since February, working long hours during the day at their business, KSN Tiles, then heading to the village for long evenings of painting and installing tiles and laminate flooring.

Ken likes the whole concept of Habitat. "I like that it is not a handout. It is much more gratifying when you can walk into your house and say, 'we did that. We put those floorboards down.'"

Their story is a typical one on the Sunshine Coast. The landlord of the apartment where they have lived for the past five years has sold the building, taking advantage of the booming real estate market here.

"I don't know what is going to happen at the end of June (if our Habitat unit is not ready)," Rebecca says. "It is a struggle to find any places to rent on the coast right now. I guess we could go camping."

The couple says their Habitat home will set them on a path to a much brighter future.

"It is so much more gratifying to pay into our own house than paying someone else's mortgage. We threw away \$54,000 over past five years (on rent payments).

Rebecca adds: "We couldn't have our own place if it weren't for Habitat, especially with Ken getting his business up and running. It would take years for this to happen."

Their kids were particularly excited about picking the colours for the two bedrooms they will share. One room is done in a colour called Mystical Grape. The other is a bright, shiny blue. The parents opted for more subdued shades of Deep Silver and Misty Grey. All in all, the house is starting to look the way a home for a young, optimistic family should look.



Ken and Rebecca Nelson are working hard to make their new Habitat home a reality.

Partner Families are chosen based on:

Need for affordable housing: Families currently living in overcrowded, unsafe or unhealthy conditions who cannot afford adequate housing through conventional methods can apply.

Ability to pay a Habitat Mortgage:

Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast does not give homes away. We help families build and buy simple, decent quality, affordable homes through a zero per cent interest mortgage with payments set at 30 per cent of gross income. Families must have an established, reliable source of income with which to pay this mortgage. Family incomes are typically in the 35th to 55th income percentile.

Willingness to partner with Habitat Sunshine Coast: In lieu of a down-payment, each partner family contributes a minimum of 500 hours of volunteer "sweat equity" toward the construction of their own home and other Habitat initiatives. Many charities rely on donations and

Every fir!

Every child

deserves a healthy, secure environment in which to thrive



Every vista!

A Davis Bay sunset provides inspiration for a visiting photographer. At right is a portion of the Health Trail on Mount Elphinstone.

government programs to support their work. Habitat for Humanity takes this several steps further, raising huge amounts of money from its ReStore. Our non-profit retail enterprise accepts donations of new and gently-used furniture, renovation materials, appliances and home accessories and sells them at a fraction of the original retail price at its location at 5605 Sunshine Coast Highway in Sechelt.

ReStores are crucial in helping us build more homes. All ReStore donations and purchases directly support Habitat Sunshine Coast's mission of helping low-income families break the cycle of poverty and build a better future through affordable homeownership. Every time someone donates, shops or volunteers at a ReStore location, they benefit Habitat partner families.

Habitat's recycling operation is also a huge success here on the Sunshine Coast. People who donate their wine and liquor bottles, their beer and pop bottles and cans and their juice containers have helped us raise hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years. Last year alone, the dozens of volunteers who sort and count the beverage containers raised more than \$50,000 — and that is from only a fraction of the total returnable containers used each year on the Sunshine Coast.

We would like to encourage more of you to make a regular trip up to the Salish Soils site at 5800 Black Bear Rd., and donate your containers for a worthy cause. You can help us build houses one dime at a time.

— Thanks to the Greater Toronto Area chapter for sharing material from its annual report.

Every bike trail!



**Every
family**

**Starts on the path
to a better future
with affordable home ownership**

The power of every

POSITIVE INTENTION

How did we come to have a Habitat for Humanity chapter here on the Sunshine Coast? For Ed and Gwen Hawkins, the answer is simple: it's the result of the power of positive intention.

"It's like the power of positive thinking," Ed explains. "But this power is more... productive."

While positive thinking has a certain mystical aspect to it, the power of intention requires action.

"You decide something has to be done and proceed as if it has already happened. It works — but a lot of people think you are nuts."

Here's how it worked here, and here's why nobody thinks Ed is nuts at all.

The story begins in the early 2000s at a men's church breakfast.

"We were looking to do something for our community instead of always looking inward," Gwen says. Ed, with his real estate background, was interested in housing.

"Habitat was the only organization I had heard of that built homes and sold them to people at the poverty line. It sounded like a nice organization."

With the support of the Living Faith Lutheran Church in Davis Bay, Ed did the necessary paperwork and the chapter was launched in 2004.

In addition to Ed, the first steering committee was composed of Rev. Ray Niebergall, Dieter Lauber, Phil Jones, Holger Heitland, Barry Smith, Suzanne Smart, Beatrice Sorensen, Pat Hennessey, Sandra Friedman, Dan Fivehouse, Jay Deyman, Bill Lasuta and Margie Garrard.

"It was a whirlwind of activity," Margie Garrard says. "Our spouses quickly became regular volunteers and all invited family, friends and neighbours to our events and work parties."

"We faced a ton of challenges as we jumped into council meetings, group presentations, grant applications, raffle



sales, event planning, recruiting three recycling teams for Gibsons, Pender Harbour and Sechelt — and the whole point of it all: finding a building lot and selecting and supporting a hard-working family to become successful Habitat ambassadors.

"I don't know how we did it all, yet we did. Ed's famous Blue Sky Thinking was hard to keep up with, because he was, as he is today, absolutely incorrigible! Had he not been so, I doubt very much that we would ever have reached so high, dug so deep or worked our way through so many seemingly insurmountable circumstances."

Garrard was no slouch herself. When Alcan offered an annual \$60,000 prize to the Habitat affiliate that collected the most aluminum cans per capita, she got the recycling operation running so efficiently, our chapter won the award three years in a row.

"After that, they changed the rules," Ed laughs.

Sunshine Coast was the smallest community to have a Habitat chapter when it was formed.

"Habitat Canada was reluctant to give us a chapter, but we were like a dog with a bone. They finally said 'go for it' just to get us out of their hair," Ed says.

Next step was acquiring a building lot. Ed made presentations to municipal officials up and down the coast, and the



The founders, with Ed and Gwen Hawkins front and centre. At left, a women's work day volunteers installs insulation.

Town of Gibsons came through with a \$30,000 grant.

"We found a plot of land in Gibsons, but the neighbours didn't want us there," Ed says.

"No, it wasn't a 'not in my backyard' situation," Gwen adds. "It wasn't really an appropriate lot; it was just a bit of land left over by a developer and the neighbourhood was using it as a park."

Ed and Gibsons Mayor Barry Janyk struck a deal: Habitat could take the town's \$30,000 grant, and if the neighbourhood pitched in another \$40,000, Habitat could buy a more appropriate lot.

"The neighbourhood came up with \$45,000," Gwen says. "They really wanted their park."

The chapter bought some land on North Road in Gibsons for \$75,000.

Every founder

set us on a path to make the Sunshine Coast a place where everyone can thrive

“The first house was basically all built by volunteers — 20 to 30 people in all, with 10 or 12 guys working all the time,” says Ed.

That’s not to say that the community wasn’t quick to support the project.

When the chapter started its second project, a duplex in Sechelt, Ed, still busy promoting Habitat wherever he could, gave his card to a plumber at a presentation he was making at a school. One day shortly afterward, 18 plumbers rolled up in their trucks and went to work plumbing the entire duplex.

The man was Arnold Skei, and his company was Sechelt Plumbing. It continues to donate its materials and expertise to Habitat to this day.

“We have had support from every community on the Sunshine Coast and it has made a difference,” Ed says. “When I tell potential donors about Habitat, their immediate response is, ‘what do you need?’ It is an incredibly supportive community. We are never turned down.”

Right from the start, Ed and Gwen were both fully committed to Habitat for Humanity. Gwen has served as public relations chair and board chair and served on countless committees in addition to putting in thousands of hours of desktop publishing, making thank-you scrolls, posters, tickets, business cards and PR material.

“I would be nobody today without the support of Gwen, my wife of 65 years,” Ed says.

Gwen likes to tell a story about one of Sunshine Coast’s first Habitat families, a single mom with two children.

“Irene kept her house so immaculate. As soon as she moved in, she got soil and made a garden. We could see we had a winner. Unfortunately, one of the volunteers who helped build the house thought she was a winner, too. He ended up marrying her and taking her away from us. She went from a struggling single mom to a family with a bright future.”

Vivian’s story is also inspiring.

“She made me feel just how worthwhile Habitat can be,” Gwen says. “She was separated from her three kids in the Philippines and was working three jobs here, plus volunteering.

She wanted a house for her family so badly. I finally met her children at the Canada Day parade in Sechelt two years ago. They had just arrived from



Above: Gwen Hawkins and Ron Pepper at blessing and ground-breaking of Habitat Village. Top right: Irene takes a break from her volunteer roofing job. Below right: Habitat founders Ed and Gwen Hawkins at their Ruby Lake home.



the Philippines and they were all moved in to her Habitat home. She ran across the street and hugged me. She is a perfect model for a Habitat family.”

As the chapter moved on to its next project, Habitat Village, on the Sunshine Coast Highway in Wilson Creek, more and more volunteers signed on. Gwen thumbs through a book with the names and phone numbers of all the volunteers she could call on for women’s work days. The women would install insulation and do the interior painting. It’s an impressive book.

Meanwhile, Ed kept busy mining other sources of revenue for Habitat. He convinced local building supply companies to donate a playhouse kit to Habitat, which volunteers built (on Ed’s boat trailer) and raffled off.

Canadian Tire donated a greenhouse kit, which was also raffled off.

“But the main source of income for Habitat is always the ReStore,” Ed says. Sunshine Coast’s first ReStore was in Wilson Creek, in the basement of the building where the FYiDoctors building is now. When that lease ran out, Habitat rented a hangar at the airport for a year.

“We were surprised when our sales kept up. People were willing to drive all that way to the airport. Meanwhile we were desperately looking for a downtown building.”

One day, Ed was driving by Spence’s Furniture (where ReStore is today) when

he had an inspiration. “I didn’t even know the owner, but I called him up on a whim and asked if he would rent us the building. The owner said, ‘it’s weird you are phoning me. I have had health issues and I was just talking about selling the business and moving on.’

“I said, ‘I don’t want to get your hopes up. We can’t afford to pay the going rate.’ He said he’d think about it and call me back. When he called me back he offered us such a good price it made it feasible for us.”

Other moments of serendipity followed. A volunteer used to use his own truck to go to the dump to sort and haul recyclables. When he had to give that up for health reasons, the head of the recycling committee, Margie Garrard, called Ed almost in tears.

“We have to have a pickup truck, she said. ‘We’ll get a truck,’ I told her.”

The next morning, a neighbor called and told Ed he had an old truck he wanted to donate, and did I want to look at it. I said, ‘I don’t need to look. We will take it.’”

The “power of intention” laid a firm foundation for Habitat for Humanity here. But Ed is the first to acknowledge that he has had an army of volunteers with him. But it truly is “the power of every” that has kept his and Gwen’s vision alive.

Every member

can participate in a myriad of ways to make our Habitat for Humanity chapter a success

Mission

We mobilize volunteers and community partners to help hardworking, low-income families break the cycle of poverty through affordable homeownership.



Housing for all

We believe that access to safe, decent and affordable housing is a basic human right that should be available to all.



Human dignity

We believe in the worth and dignity of every human being. We respect the people we serve and those that help us in this effort and recognize them as our greatest resource.

We'll drink to this!

IMAGINE doing your part for the environment, helping to provide homes for families in need and making good friends. This is what habitat recycling is all about.

As a team, we man the recycling shed and sort the incoming bottles, cans, and drink containers. We work on an established schedule but are very flexible to accommodate every member's personal commitments.

Our new location for the last two years, Salish Soils, has proved to be a pleasant and profitable location. The staff there is always friendly and helpful and the place is kept clean and tidy.

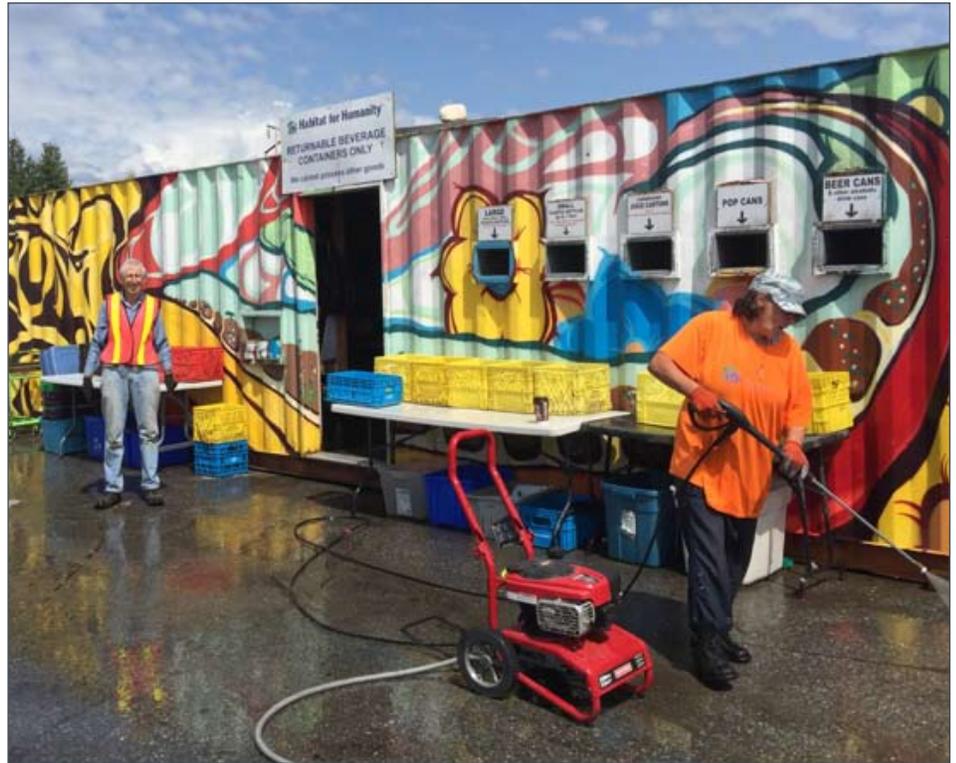
At Caps Off, we gather once a week in the winter and twice a week in the summer to sort and ready the product for recycling. Here again we are met with a pleasant environment that encourages camaraderie and job satisfaction. All in all, this a great way to support our community.

In 2015, we raised \$46,000 — an excellent achievement that required many dedicated volunteer hours. We are always looking for new recruits especially for the busy summer hours. Please consider helping — and also be sure to bring us all your refundable drink containers. You can't miss us; we're in the colorful railcar adjacent to the regular recycling depot

Restaurants and bars are also pitching in, with Blue Ocean Golf Course being the latest business to donate its empties to our worthy cause.

Our man in Gibsons

Hats off to Murray Drope for continuing to manage Gibsons recycling with the helpful assistance of owner



Members of our recycling crew clean up the area before another day of collecting and sorting thousands of wine bottles, pop and beer cans, liquor bottles and other refundable drink containers. Check out our colourful shack at 5800 Black Bear Rd., beside Salish Soils. If you live in Gibsons, be sure to take your empties to the recycling depot on Venture Way.

Chris at Gibson Bottle Depot.

Murray faithfully clears away the garbage and handles it, and if there is more refundable product than can be sorted each week, he stores the overload in our onsite storage shed, and also deposits the weekly cheque for us.

On occasion, if the shed is full,

Murray loads his pickup truck and hauls product to Sechelt, where Margie pre-sorts and stores it until the Sechelt team processes it along with its weekly load.

Murray has enabled us to retain solid figures from the Gibsons area, and we are most grateful for his commitment and management of Gibsons recycling for Habitat!

**Every
beer can**

**puts us a dime closer
to building another
affordable house**

Faith in action



We believe faith is lived through action. Building on our Christian foundation, we serve and work with people of all faiths and beliefs in a spirit of justice and compassion.

Partnership

We believe we can best achieve our mission through meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships with others.

Diversity & Inclusiveness

We believe there is a role for everyone committed to our vision, mission and values and we seek to enrich our organization through diversity.



ReStore-ing our faith

You might want to be sitting down (in a chair you bought from us) before we tell you our amazing news: in 2015, our ReStore, at 5605 Sunshine Coast Highway, right next to the McDonald's, closed the year at more than half a million dollars.

To do this, 59 volunteers put in 4,091 hours to augment the efforts of only three full time staff members. The average dollar spent per customer was \$52.37.

Your donations, and the long hours the volunteers worked, gave us a total revenue of \$520,420, of which almost half went to help build affordable housing on the Sunshine Coast.

Every sofa!

This is up from \$448,404 total revenue in 2014, when 69 volunteers donated 5,572 hours and customers spent an average of \$49.82.

One factor behind our rising bottom line is that we were open an additional day, Sunday, starting in May 2015.

The ReStore team's goal for 2015 was to maintain or exceed \$40,000 per month. We were very proud and humbled with our results. We are so grateful and thankful to our community and all those that helped us throughout the year. Thank you so very much!

Besides shopping at ReStore, you can also help by donating your unneeded furniture, appliances and building materials. For a list of items we really like to receive, please see our website at restoresc.com.

There are two ways you can donate: Items can be dropped off at the rear of our store between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; or you can call 604-885-6773 to schedule a free pick-up. Tax receipts are available.

Some of the unique items you can find at the store right now include a beautiful red antique sofa set, a wooden antique shaving stand and an almost-new electric stairlift that is selling for thousands of dollars less than its list price.

Don't miss out on these, and other, great deals — and don't miss out on the joy of knowing the money you spend at ReStore will give so many struggling families a hand up.



ReStore manager Luanne St. Louis doesn't have much time to pose for a photo, but we got a quick snap when she stopped to answer the phone.

You won't believe how inexpensively you can purchase this antique sofa set.

**Every
ReStore**

**fuels our capacity to build
more homes**

Momentum building at the village

I have just been back for a short time now but it has been very busy and hectic at the village.

In the past few weeks we have had Arnold at Sechelt Plumbing put in our underslab plumbing in units 13 and 14. Once that was tested and inspected we had Mike Molina of Molina Concrete pour the slabs for those units.



**Sean Whelan,
site supervisor**

Now that the slabs are poured, we can finally get those units wrapped with Tyvek — and we have a volunteer group coming from Rona to do that for us.

Olsen Electric has put in the electric panels in those units and has also started the electrical rough-in as well. Karl and the Ace-It group of high school students will finish framing the interior walls on the slab and hopefully get the stairs installed before school is over for



Under new site supervisor Sean Whelan's guidance, the septic fields are being completed and the slabs are poured in units 13 and 14..

the summer.

The septic tanks and field have been installed at units five and six and Sechelt Plumbing can now finish the plumbing inside.

With those big jobs finally done we can concentrate on getting our family moved in to unit six.

We have a large volunteer group coming in to help with a variety of

projects such as installing interior doors, painting baseboards and door trim and installing laminate floors. There is a lot of landscaping to do and also a recycling bin to be built as well. I am probably missing a lot of little projects that have been done but it has been a whirlwind of activity since I have been back. Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers for moving this project forward so quickly.

Fall gala, art auction: be sure to save these dates!

Want a chance at winning a return flight to Tofino complete with accommodation? That is just one of the fabulous surprises up for grabs at this year's Habitat For Humanity Sunshine Coast's fall gala, Sat., Oct. 22 at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club in Robert's Creek.

We're calling the gala *Flappers and Dappers*, and its theme will be the Roaring Twenties. We encourage you to scour the thrift shops for vintage clothing and practice some Charleston and Foxtrot steps. We are lining up a jazz trio and will feature music from the era throughout the evening.

There will be live and silent auctions and lots of other good stuff, including a major doorprize.

We are planning a five-course

dinner with wine pairings. Tickets will be available at the Sechelt ReStore beginning Sept. 1.

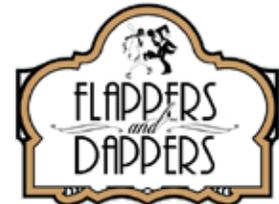
Our thanks to Harbour Air for its generous donation of the flight to the rugged Pacific coast of Vancouver Island.

If you want to help out in the organizing of this event, we need volunteers to line up more donations for the auction and to assist in cataloging the donations. We will also need posters made up for each item on the live and silent auction tables.

We will also need help with decorating the hall for the event, and lots of help on the evening of the gala.

Please email executivedirector@habitatsc.ca or phone 604-885-6737 if you would like to lend a hand.

Pat Drope and the Gibsons Public



Art Gallery team have joined forces with HFHSC to produce Visions of Home 2. Local Artists contribute their artwork, which will be displayed for a week prior to the Art Auction Evening on Nov 5.

There will be a silent auction as well as the featured live auction of wonderful juried art pieces, under the direction of Harrison Mohr.

Tasty appetizers and a selection of wines will add to the festivities.

Stay tuned for ticket release coming this fall. Anyone wishing to assist, please call 604-885-6737.

Every volunteer plays a direct, hands-on role in building healthy communities

Financial report

ReStore, recycling volunteers give big boost to our bottom line

Hello Members. As many of you are aware, we were asked to have an audit prepared to examine the financial position of our organization.

The board commenced the year with researching various firms, made a selection and commissioned the audit. It is now complete in a draft format and this report will be using the figures from that source.

The auditor has advised that there will be no material difference between the presented figures and the final statements. The final finished audit will not be available for the annual general meeting, but copies of the draft statements will be on hand.

Although we have had some challenges this year, we are now forging ahead with new vigour and also had an impressive growth in income. The total revenues for the year of \$477,301 represents an increase of 60.4% over the previous year. The most significant item was a 43.7% increase in ReStore revenues. This trend is continuing into this fiscal year and compliments should be passed to the staff and volunteers for this effort. Additional praise should also go to the recyclers, where we have achieved revenues of \$44,539 despite the change in location from our frontage on the highway to our Salish Soils site.

Expenses were also higher, but that is to be expected from increased revenues. The percentage of increase in expenses was less, however, than the increase in revenues. The auditors have also written down our mortgages receivable to reflect market value, resulting in an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$233,261.

Overall, our organization remains strong, with a solvency ratio of 1.3:1.

We have grown and changed considerably since the end of the fiscal year with a real surge ahead



\$477,301

Total revenue for 2015,
thanks in large part to ReStore



\$44,539

Revenue raised by our recycling volunteers

on our Habitat Village site and some wonderful contributions from our partners, volunteers and particular participation from our future home owners. These latter individuals make what we do so worthwhile when you see how enthusiastic they are in helping on the build site and throughout our organization.

Respectfully submitted,
D. F. (Dean) Clement, HFHSC Board Treasurer.

Statements are reflected from December 2015 year end draft Audit.



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Margie Garrard
Dean Clement
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Wes Maxfield
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Gwen Hawkins
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Phyllis Mooney

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