



E-Newsletter Edition
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Councillor's Report

Dear Ward 11 Neighbours,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a great holiday break, and I wish you all the best for 2012. Many thanks to the more than 250 people who attended my New Year's Day Open House & Skate Party, in partnership with MPP Delaney and MP Butt, at Vic Johnston CC. It was a fun way to greet the New Year, enjoy some great ice skating, and catch up with everyone.

This year, I asked people to support the Eden Community Food Bank and the Seva Food Bank – we collected a considerable amount of food / monetary donations for the food banks, and I would like to thank you for your generosity! If you would like to help either of these food banks, please contact 905-785-3651 for the Eden Community Food Bank and 905-361-SEVA (7382) for the Seva Food Bank.

Also, I am pleased to announce the opening of a Habitat for Humanity ReStore in the Ward 11 community, which is located at 1705 Argentia Road. Please be sure to check it out! As always, I am pleased to assist you and your family with any municipal issue that you have. Please don't hesitate to contact my office at 905-896-5011 or george.carlson@mississauga.ca. Also, for those of you who use Twitter, you can now follow me on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/CarlsonGeorge>.

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First Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Mississauga to Open in February 2012

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Mississauga is thrilled to announce the imminent opening of their first ReStore located at 1705 Argentia Road (just west of Creditview Road), in the Ward 11 community.

The ReStore is expected to open in early February and updates are available on the Habitat for Humanity website: www.habitatmississauga.ca. Hours of operation will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday from 9:00 am to 7:30 pm.

HFH ReStores sell new and gently used household and renovation items at prices 30% to 70% off regular retail prices. All items are donated and proceeds go towards providing affordable home ownership to low income families. Donations have been accepted since December 1st and the store is stocked with great deals!

HFH ReStores provide funding for various Habitat for Humanity programs, divert landfill, and provide great deals for home renovation enthusiasts. ReStores have diverted approximately 113,000 tonnes of waste from landfill across Canada since 1998. In 2010 alone, Canadian ReStores diverted more than 20,600 tonnes of landfill and recycled over 2.1 million pounds of metal.

Habitat for Humanity Mississauga began operations in 2005 and has created affordable home ownership for low income Mississauga families. Around the world, over 1 billion people live in the streets or in poverty housing:

- 1 in 6 Canadian children live in poverty
- 1.5 million Canadian households are in core housing need
- Over 14,000 families in Peel are on wait list for affordable housing (21 years)

A Habitat home reduces uncertainty and stress associated with unhealthy living conditions:

- 60 per cent of children who move into Habitat homes are happier and more confident than before
- 40 per cent of children who move into Habitat homes improve their grades

So if you're looking for a good deal on household and renovation items, look no further than your local HFH ReStore, where you can save money and support a great cause while you're at it!

