

Millard Fuller



It is with deep sadness that we report that Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, passed away suddenly in the early morning of February 3rd, 2009 near Americus Georgia.

Millard was a self-made millionaire at a very young age who saw his relationship with his wife Linda deteriorate. As part of their reconciliation, they divested themselves of that wealth to begin a life of service.

Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity in an abandoned barn on Koinonia Farms in 1976 with a goal of housing a million people. From those humble beginnings Millard took an idea, and created a movement.

Millard's leadership helped forge Habitat into a worldwide Christian housing ministry. Globally, Habitat has built over 300,000 homes and every 10 minutes, helps a family improve their housing situation in

more than 100 countries around the world.

"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My responsibility is to use what God has given me to help his people in need." — Millard Fuller

Millard's body was returned to Koinonia Farms where he was buried surrounded by friends and family.

While we are saddened by this news, we are comforted in the knowledge that the man who created a home for millions, is home at last. We hope you will join us in offering your prayers and support to his wife Linda.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:21

To help continue Millard's legacy and make a gift in memoriam, please contact Connie Tsui at ctsui@torontohabitat.on.ca, **416-755-7353 ext. 256**, or visit www.torontohabitat.ca.



Building Homes, Building Hope, Building Philanthropy

Budding fundraisers show that you are never too young to learn the gift of giving.

James Dikeos, Grade 5 student at Allenby Public School

At only 10 years old and long before he is old enough to drive, James Dikeos is already an accomplished fundraiser. In 2008, James raised over \$80 for Sick Kids Hospital. So far this year, James has raised over \$165 and counting for Habitat for Humanity Toronto – no small feat! The inspiration for James' good work stems from Project Give Back, a curriculum-based school program designed for elementary students to develop empathy, build character, and ignite community minded citizens.

Initially, James picked Habitat for Humanity Toronto as his cause of choice because he "likes to build things" and upon further research learned that we "build homes for people that don't have them." James has visited the Peddicord site on Kingston Rd and was able to take pictures to include in his presentation. James has also visited a Habitat ReStore and is excited to begin volunteering on a build once he reaches the minimum age – only 6 years from now!

To date James has raised money for Habitat for Humanity Toronto by asking that his friends make a donation to Habitat in lieu of birthday presents. James is also planning

a silent auction in the spring. There is no doubt James' continued fundraising and class presentation will be a great success and we are incredibly proud and grateful to have James as part of the Habitat family.

Cameron Pratt is another young person making a difference in our community. Seven-year-old Cameron and his little brother Duncan live in Toronto's Beach area. When Cameron learned in school that there are many people in the world who don't have homes to live in, it inspired him to do something about it (short of inviting them to live at his home!). Cameron decided that he would like to help by raking his neighbours' leaves. It was hard work, but with energy and determination Cameron raised more money than he anticipated; when he came by the Habitat for Humanity Toronto office to drop off a cheque, he correctly calculated that "now Habitat has to raise \$144 less for families in need".

Cameron's commitment to Habitat is only building. He's already thinking about his next fundraising venture and is considering running a lemonade stand once the weather warms up.

At Habitat for Humanity Toronto we are incredibly moved by the example James, Cameron and other young people like them are setting for us all. We salute their passion and generosity of spirit and sincerely appreciate their support and hard work.

To learn more about Project Give Back visit www.projectgiveback.com. To join James and Cameron in fundraising for Habitat for Humanity Toronto or to make a donation, call Sarah Bullick at **(416) 755-7353 x 237**.



L-R: Cameron Pratt, Duncan Pratt and Mary Heinmaa, VP, Development