

Habitat for Humanity Canada to Extend Tours of Legendary Kingston Penitentiary

(Toronto, ON) October 24, 2013 – Working in partnership with Correctional Service of Canada and its manufacturing arm, CORCAN, Habitat for Humanity Canada will extend public tours of the Kingston Penitentiary, hosting three more weeks of tours of the former maximum security facility. Volunteer-lead tours of the historical site will commence October 30 and the proceeds from ticket sales will help Habitat for Humanity expand the number of homes it builds in partnership with CORCAN for low-income families.

“We are really excited to be hosting tours of this landmark,” said Kevin Marshman, president and CEO, Habitat for Humanity Canada. “Not only do people get a chance to catch a rare glimpse inside one of the world’s oldest prisons, but they can do so knowing that they are also helping us build more homes for Canadian families.”

Volunteers will guide the tours of the 178-year-old facility over a period of 15 days, Wednesdays to Sundays, October 30 to November 17. Tickets will be sold for \$20 and will only be available for purchase online at www.habitat.ca. Ticket sales will commence Friday, October 24 at 9 am. The tours are approximately one hour and 15 minutes and there will be 20 tours held daily.

The tours are an extension of an existing partnership between Habitat for Humanity Canada and Correctional Service of Canada that provides the opportunity for supervised low-risk offenders, such as those on parole, to expand their skill in construction trades by volunteering on Habitat build sites.

Habitat for Humanity Canada is proud to be working alongside its affiliate in Kingston to deliver on the experience of the public tours.

“The volunteers and staff of Habitat Kingston are so excited and pleased to lend a helping hand with this initiative,” said Ron Ruttan, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Kingston. “CORCAN has been such a great partner and this opportunity is truly a win-win for everyone involved.”

Visit www.habitat.ca to purchase tickets, volunteer or donate. The Kingston Penitentiary is located at 560 King Street West, Kingston, Ontario. Parking is available onsite.

About Habitat for Humanity Canada

Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity Canada is a national, non-profit organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. With the help of over 63,000 volunteers every year and 65 affiliate organizations from coast to coast, their mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to break the cycle of poverty in Canada and around the world. For more information, please visit www.habitat.ca.

About Kingston Penitentiary

The Kingston Penitentiary officially opened on June 1, 1835 as the “Provincial Penitentiary of the Province of Upper Canada.” Before its closure on September 30, 2013, Kingston Penitentiary was one of the oldest prisons in continuous use in the world. In 1990, Kingston Penitentiary was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

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