

Canadian Ambassador Joins Ontario Builders on Humanitarian Build in the Dominican Republic

Toronto, December 1, 2011. Thanks to almost 200 Ontario home builders and their families, six needy families in the Dominican Republic have moved into their solid, safe and clean modest new homes. Members of the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) spent four days building six homes in a poor neighbourhood in Nuevo Renacer during the organization's week-long 2011 Conference and Humanitarian Build earlier this week.

"This was an exhilarating, fulfilling and awesome experience," said OHBA President, Doug Tarry who added, "Our Humanitarian Build is an extension of the wonderful philanthropic work that our members are involved with each and every day in their own communities across the province."

Tarry noted that their group garnered a lot of attention from media on the Caribbean Island, especially when the Canadian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Todd Kuiack, his wife, and two children joined the group for two days, assisting with the build. "Ambassador Kuiack was there with us along with hundreds of people in the neighbourhood when we handed over the keys to six incredibly happy and grateful families which was joyous occasion and an extremely emotional moment for all of us."

Participants in the Humanitarian Build partnered with local contractors and Absolute Hero Holidays, completing the homes on schedule despite heavy rains, muddy streets and limited access to modern tools and equipment.

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Photo Caption: Ontario Home Builders' Association President Doug Tarry and Canadian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Todd Kuiack pitched in with almost 200 Ontario builders and their families to build homes for six needy families in just four days in Nuevo Renacer earlier this week.

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