



## WRHBA Shines a Light on Ray of Hope



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WRHBA President 2013-14

As the Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association's (WRHBA) renovation of the Ray of Hope building in Kitchener wraps up, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the donors and participants. Without their assistance, WRHBA would not have been able to transform existing space into a new reception area, offices and a common gathering place.

Since 1967, Ray of Hope has been a highly valued community outreach organization that provides care, hope and support to people who are disadvantaged, marginalized, or troubled. Ray of Hope provides meals for over 200 people a day, 7 days a week. They also provide food hampers, clothing, church services, youth justice, employment and addiction services. The renovations completed will assist them in delivering these programs to those in need for years to come.

The biggest challenge with this renovation project was not whether or not we could support it... that was the easy part. I knew our members would be able to step up to the challenge and give back to our community in a meaningful way. The challenge would be the ability to provide this much needed renovation while they maintained their day to day operation. Ray of Hope could not shut down while renovations were underway. There are too many people that depend on their services each and every day.

Out of this need a partnership was forged. This partnership has not been limited to our two organizations. There are others that have been involved with the process, and ultimately, with the execution of the plans. With the combined efforts of our Association members and the students of Conestoga College's CCTOP and WIST programs, the renovation got underway on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The entire project took place over a six week window with many local companies and students being involved on a daily basis.

A project of this size and magnitude could not happen without the collective efforts of many people. On behalf of WRHBA's Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone involved with the project for their time, services, expertise and enthusiasm in giving back. Their involvement and concern for this project is appreciated beyond any words that I could ever convey.

I would also like to thank Harry White and the staff at Ray of Hope for their willingness to work with our Association, Jamie and Gary Adam of Pioneer Craftsmen Ltd. for leading the renovation, the students and staff from Conestoga College's CCTOP and WIST programs, and WRHBA staff for their countless hours and efforts behind the scenes to get this project completed.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING RAY OF HOPE RENOVATION DONORS AND CONTRIBUTORS:

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