



**"Affordable Housing
—it's only fair!"**

—Rick Martin,
Wallenstein Feed
Charitable Foundation

First Project to Start in Kitchener!

Initially 60 persons in the neighbourhood filed an objection to the Village Road (at Westmount) project, citing density as the main concern. Through a combination of slightly reducing that density, bringing all units to the street front, and a land swap with the City that will allow a community garden and no increase in overall land price, MennoHomes and the neighbours reached an agreement at City Hall. MennoHomes is now poised to begin construction of 8 duplexes (16 units) under the Project Management of Ian Cook. We anticipate a late fall start for these 1,100 square ft., 3 bedroom units with the last ones completed by June 1.

Fundraising Goals

MennoHomes will continue to fundraise in support of future housing projects. Having funds available will allow MennoHomes to respond quickly to opportunities as they arise including projects done without government subsidies. In addition to cash donations, MennoHomes is receptive to gifts of land, buildings or houses for the creation of Affordable Housing units.

Fundraising To Date

Cash to date from individuals, churches and foundations. . . . \$298,641
Balance of pledges to come. 84,980
TOTAL CASH AND PLEDGES TO DATE. \$383,621

Thank you, donors and supporters, for your wonderful response. Your gifts make it possible to take positive action in the face of a great need for safe, decent and affordable housing. Working together we can "Seek the Welfare of the City."

*Seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you into exile
and pray to the Lord on
its behalf, for in its welfare you
will find your welfare.*

—Jeremiah 29:7

Partnership Yields Much-Needed Affordable Housing in Waterloo

Blaze Properties Inc. owns a 1.5 acre parcel on Fischer Hallman Road near Erb Street where zoning permits a stacked townhouse development. Although owning an ideal piece of land, Blaze had no allocation for government subsidies while MennoHomes had a subsidy allocation in Waterloo but no suitable land. As a response, MennoHomes was able to pass its allocation to Blaze, forming a partnership where Blaze will be the owner, developer, builder and operator of 25 Affordable Housing units in Waterloo as part of its 50-unit project. Blaze will sign an Agreement with the Region of Waterloo to keep the units affordable for a minimum of 20 years. MennoHomes will be a consultant to Blaze on matters of Affordable Housing. A gain of 25 Affordable Housing units in Waterloo where we had previously been unable to establish a project ... without any cost to MennoHomes? A creative way to "Seek the Welfare of the City"!

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How You Can Be Part of MennoHomes

*Invite your Congregation to
use the new MennoHomes
"seeking the welfare of the
city" worship resources*

*Invite MennoHomes to
present in your church*

*Become a church rep
to MennoHomes from
your congregation*

*Become a member of
MennoHomes*

*Donate funds or property
or a building*

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