

**EXTREME HOME MAKEOVER SCOUTING STYLE
aka
SCOUTS CANADA'S BUILD A HOME CHALLENGE**

Youth Helping Youth - Making a Difference

The Journey From Here



To Here



Forty youth and leaders from Scouting groups in Manitoba are bound for Vicente Guerrero, Mexico in July 2011. Our *Challenge* is to build 3 houses for families with no homes and to provide them with hope and a sustainable future. We have partnered with Absolute Leadership and Hero Holidays. Our goals are similar - to help youth discover and expand their potential and to help take care of the world.

Our commitment is to raise \$80,000 for building materials, limited furnishings and travel expenses. We require support from many dedicated people and organizations to attain this goal and are asking for Scout groups across Canada for their support. Please consider

supporting this humanitarian effort by participating in our Scouts Canada Build a Home Challenge - a program of activities and information ready to run for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. Your support will be recognized in the article we will submit to The Leader magazine upon our return home.

This journey has been planned by the youth who hope to improve the lives of people both in our community and in Mexico. With no social programs, the people of Vicente Guerrero endure daily hardships just to survive. This life changing experience will educate us on poverty issues and being part of the solution; strengthen our leadership skills; and increase our appreciation of being Canadian. We will create lifelong memories and new friendships and take our carpentry skills to a new level.

We are documenting our journey and are establishing a program to be used by other Scouting groups. Please visit our website: <http://www.scoutchallenge.ca> for information on our progress and the Scouts Canada Build a Home Challenge Program.

We are *Doing our Best to Be Prepared* for The Build a Home Challenge by:

- Researching poverty issues/solutions
- Volunteering at the Christmas Cheer Board, Winnipeg Harvest, Siloam Mission and many Scouting events
- Building shelters for Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Winnipeg Humane Society; and assisting Habitat for Humanity
- Taking Workplace Health and Safety Courses and Spanish lessons
- Holding garage sales, golf tournaments and dinners
- Applying for grants
- Coordinating fundraising events at our schools and churches
- Donating our weekly dues and holding other Scouting events
- Selling, hauling and delivering 4,500 bags of water softener salt
- Selling gift certificates, popcorn, homemade muffins and cookies
- Recycling popcans and delivering flyers

To date, we have raised \$50,000 and volunteered over 1700 hours of *Service* in our community.

"What Scouting Means to Me" and *Absolute Leadership Mission statement* information on our project are included for your information.

On our journey home, we plan to visit the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park. The extra activities will be entirely paid for by the participants.

Thank you for *Sharing* your time and support.

Please join us in making the world a better place.

Tax deductible donations can be made to Scouts Canada Challenge (Not sure-please confirm)

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