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Chicago?

# The Storehouse

*Building Hope in Chicago*

## **A Community Revitalized With Help From The Storehouse**

*In 1999, Circle Urban Ministries, an organization that develops housing for families with low incomes, purchased an entire city block in one of the most decrepit neighborhoods on Chicago's West Side. Instead of drug dealers, broken windows and trash, they envisioned a community that provided a clean and safe environment for children and families.*

*Three years later, this dream has become a reality. Nine formerly abandoned buildings are now new residential units and homes, surrounded by clean yards and streets. A sense of pride, ownership, and hope fills the families living here.*

*This renewal project could not have been accomplished without the availability of abundant, quality, building materials provided by The Storehouse. Doors, windows, sinks, roofing material, carpets, nails, glue—nearly all the materials used to revitalize this neighborhood for families with limited resources—were acquired through The Storehouse for a nominal handling fee.*



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an 18,000-sq. foot warehouse filled with donated building materials. Quickly, the 18,000-sq. foot warehouse was no longer adequate, and in January of 2000, World Vision opened a new 40,000-sq. foot warehouse, offering space for more materials and more people to be helped.

## **How The Storehouse Works**

The Storehouse offers building materials to low-income housing agencies and organizations in the Chicago area for a

## **Addressing Chicago's Housing Challenge**

In 1995 World Vision began addressing Chicago's lack of affordable housing through The Storehouse.

For years the need for affordable building materials for low-income housing in Chicago had gone largely unmet.

With the desire to transform Chicago's urban communities, World Vision and its business and community partners opened



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nominal handling fee. The materials are donated to The Storehouse of World Vision by building material manufacturing and supply companies, who receive tax benefits, increased operational efficiencies, and the satisfaction that comes from helping people in need. In fiscal year 2000, \$1.5 million worth of goods were donated.

### **A Win-Win Situation**

When Winstrom Manufacturing chairman Mike Lowenthal found his company with an excess inventory of windows, he turned to The Storehouse. “We saw it as a way to help others in need. There are also some tax benefits for us, so really it’s a ‘win-win’.” For Winstrom Manufacturing, donating to The Storehouse was a solid business decision with a positive impact on local low-income communities.

### **Partnership Provides Solutions**

The Storehouse is the Charity of Choice for the Home Improvement Industry’s President’s Council. World Vision thanks donor companies for their generosity and for their vision to help with Chicago’s housing challenges.

More than 300 companies and cooperatives have contributed more than \$10 million in building materials to The Storehouse, including:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Boise Cascade            | Home Depot              | Sears                   |
| Builders Plumbing Supply | Impo Glaze-tile         | Seigle’s Home and       |
| Busy Beaver Building     | Juno Lighting           | Building Centers        |
| Center                   | Kohler Company          | Snyder Diamond          |
| dekor                    | Masco Corp.             | The Great Indoors       |
| Delta Faucet             | Moen Incorporated       | Triangle Pacific Co.    |
| Edward Hines Lumber      | Pella Corp.             | United Building Centers |
| Elkay Manufacturing      | Price Pfister           | Winstrom Manufacturing  |
| Georgia Pacific          | Q.E.P.                  | Wolt Window and Doors   |
| Grohe America            | Rusco Windows and Doors | . . . and hundreds more |

### **What Is Your Vision?**

Contact World Vision for more information about how you can be involved, or come visit The Storehouse at 5001 West Harrison.

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