

Generosity fuels Home For Learning project

SUMMERLAND - Plenty of helping hands are enabling Okanagan College students to learn on the job.

Students are busy building the South Okanagan's 2007 Home for Learning Project, in Summerland's Rock Garden

Estates. Okanagan College and project partners School District 67 Okanagan Skaha, TRAC Development and Homescape

Building & Design are thrilled with the generosity of Okanagan businesses which have donated supplies and services to allow the program to flourish.

For example, All Weather Windows is the largest Canadian owned and operated window manufacturer, and has donated its award winning windows for the house.

AWW took home the hardware recently (2006), winning the *Georgie Award* in the Best Technical Innovation category for their Tritan triple glazed PVC slider. This 'Best Technical Innovation' Georgie award is the second straight for the company. Previously the HyDistinction metal clad PVC window was judged the British Columbia home building industry's best technical innovation.

The Tritan PVC slider was launched in 2006 and is Canada's only triple glazed PVC slider," says Shaun Weimer, Branch Manager of AWW in Kelowna. "It is proving to be a popular product among home builders because of its appealing combination of price and performance.

"All Weather Windows' places a great value on contributing to the well being of the many communities in which the company operates. Customers and staff living in these communities have contributed to All Weather Windows' business success," he adds. "The company is pleased to share its success through supporting a wide range of organizations devoted to enriching the quality of life of their communities."

Beaver Home Improvements in Penticton has provided building products for the project.

Beaver Home Improvements offers a wide range of home

improvement services from exterior to interior applications. With a focus on customer service and satisfaction, Beaver Home Improvements has been doing quality home improvements in the Okanagan Valley since 1981.

"The Penticton store has a focus on professional installation and offers roofing and siding materials, decking, railings and more," says store manager Store Manager Gary Clausen.

"Beaver Home Improvements is really pleased to be a Diamond Sponsor of the 2007 South Okanagan Home for Learning project," he adds. "Once we heard what the Home for Learning project was about - it was a 'no brainer' for us to participate."

TIM-BR MART Summerland has also supplied materials.

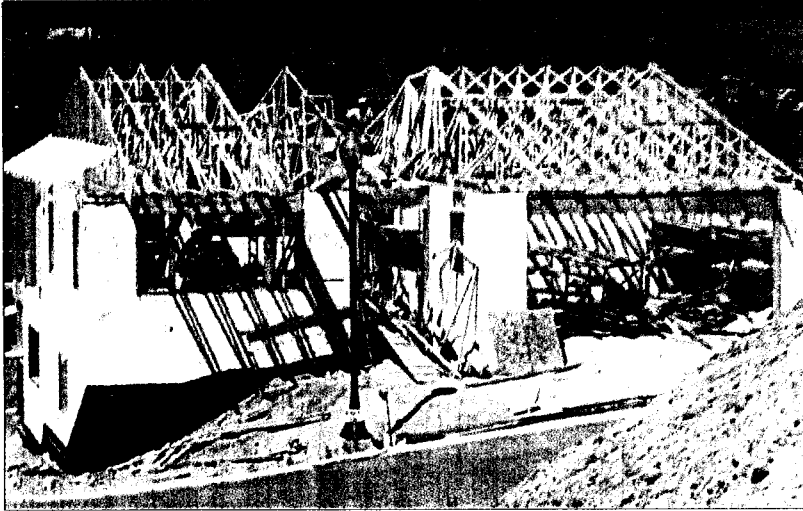
TIM-BR MART is a group of independently owned building supply stores across Canada.

"We feel that our participation in this project is very timely, considering the need for quality tradesman in our province and our country," says President Ken Sewell. "There is a tremendous need for young men and women, like those involved in this project, to train, apprentice and enter the workforce.

"We are proud at Summerland Builders Mart to be part of such a successful program right here in our own community."

Okanagan College currently has four Home for Learning projects underway, in Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Kelowna and Summerland.

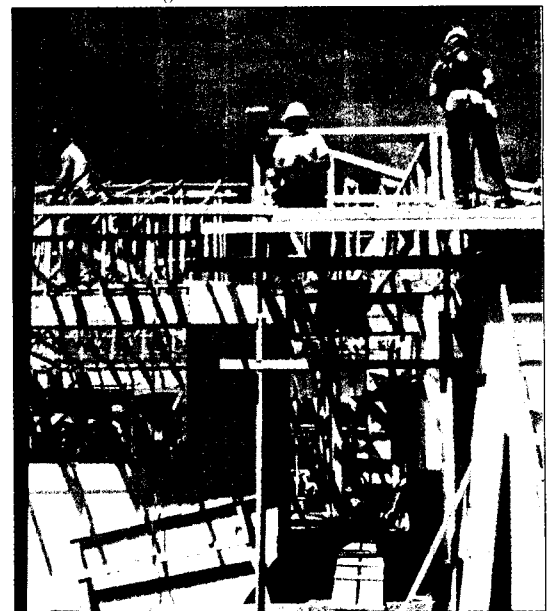
For more information about how to get involved with a Home for Learning project, email trades@okanagan.bc.ca



Construction is moving steadily along at the Home For Learning



Teamwork helps install All Weather Windows at the Home For Learning



Students learn invaluable skills on the job