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Media Advisory: Don Miedema's Retirement Celebration

Date: Friday March 8, 2013

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: 586 Ellice Ave. West End Cultural Centre

It is with great pleasure that the Spence Neighbourhood Association invites you to celebrate the retirement of Don Miedema. With 10 years of service in our neighbourhood, Don has shaped the Spence neighbourhood housing plans and vision while sharing and collaborating in the lives of various community members, partner agencies, government partners and many others. The Don Miedema Community Service Award was created this year in his honour as a legacy for all his hard work.

The impact Don Miedema has had on the Spence neighbourhood cannot simply be measured in terms of the number of houses he has helped build. Nor can it be measured in the number of home exteriors he helped to repair.

For a decade, Don Miedema has worked with the Spence Neighbourhood Association. He has served in many roles within the organization, initially as executive director. But his longest term with us was as our Housing Coordinator.

SNA was originally created as a way to push for housing improvements in Spence. Don had spent time building homes in Honduras, so when the people at Supporting Employment and Economic Development (SEED) recommended him for the job, our Board of Directors knew he was right.

Don led the construction of over 30 homes in Spence, and was involved in the construction of scores more. There are currently 12 apartment buildings undergoing renovations thanks to programs he administered. Other owners have seen the work being done and are increasing investments in their own properties. The many spinoff benefits of these developments are impossible to measure.

Isabel Jerez will take over the housing program full-time. Contact her at 204-783-2758 or housing@spenceneighbourhood.org.

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