

## SKAGIT WOMEN BUILD PROJECT

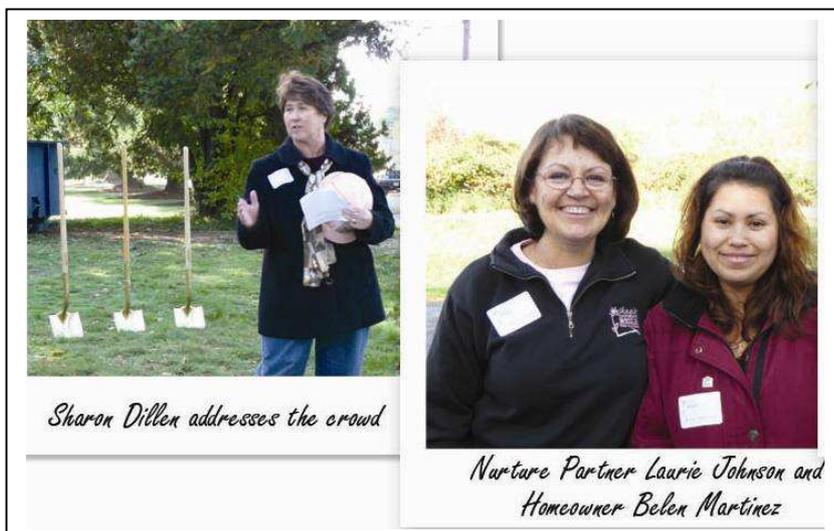
### Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> – Completion Day!

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On Saturday, October 25, 2008, **Gerry Douglas, Sharon Budd, Iola Ratcliff and Sharon Merrill** attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for this event.

November 11, 2008

I can't let the week wrap up without sending a note about last Sunday's Women Build Ground Breaking ceremony. It was a beautiful fall day and perfect for kicking off the project. Carole Straathof did a super job getting the details in place and making sure all of the community leaders were invited and recognized.



*Sharon Dillen addresses the crowd*

*Nurture Partner Laurie Johnson and Homeowner Belen Martinez*

Jim Duffield, president of Skagit Habitat for Humanity's board of directors wrote Carole saying "thank you again for a wonderful ceremony. Please pass on to the entire Women Build organization the thanks and gratitude of the Skagit Habitat Board of Directors. The ground breaking ceremony had the largest turnout I've seen in my seven years of working with SHFH, and it was arguably the best we've ever put on. You did a great job of getting the right people there, and making so many people a part of an emotional ceremony; Now we get to move on to the fun part--actually building the house. Thanks again."

It has been the most asked question over these last few months of waiting. Good news! We have the permit in hand and will begin preparing the site this week, removing a tree and an old foundation on the property. We expect foundation excavation to begin the week of Nov. 17.

The Women Build Board will meet at 5 pm Thursday, November 6 in the Fisher & Sons conference room at 625 Fisher Lane in Burlington. The meetings are open if you would like to join at the start of the "hands-on phase" of the project. For everyone who said "I just want to swing a hammer..." now we need your help now.

Also, we're looking for volunteers to help with press releases, newsletters and fact sheets, or preparing a WB scrap book. We could use your help, things are happening quickly now.

Ginny Bode  
Women Build Project Chair

## Landscape Design and Installation Project

Chuckanut District has a new Project: A Landscape Design and Installation at the 'Skagit Women Build' Habitat for Humanity House in Sedro-Woolley. The plan will use native plants. The \$187 Judith Juno contributed from a fundraiser walk at the NGC national convention she attended this last Spring will help fund the project.

**Photo of the Mother of the Family that will live in the home, Belen Martinez. She is looking at the plans with Gerry Douglas and Sharon Merrill.**



**Since the groundbreaking, our Chuckanut team has planned, measured the property and designed a landscape.**

Trish, Sharon and Val at the site.

See [other photos](#) on the [Link to Skagit Women Build](#) on the main Projects page.