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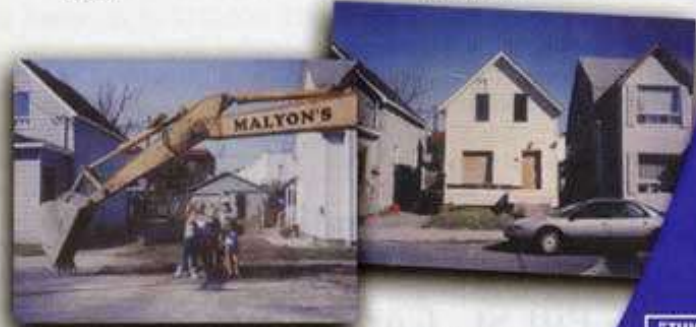
Marlene & Chuck



Drug Den • Gone  
(Thanks to Ontario Work/ World  
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“Community Association Communautaire”

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# Small City Living with Big City Style

The Finishing Mill Lofts project is going full steam ahead, as grassroots volunteers work to put the plan down on paper.

"In the next few months a business plan will be completed" said Chuck Charlebois, chairperson of Groupe Renaissance Group. "What we're looking for is people who know how to take a project such as this one from point A to point Z."

The next step in the process will be to build a model loft, a place developers and buyers can visit in order to see the new lifestyle that will be offered!

"A loft is a unique space, not like an apartment or a condo," said Charlebois. "These can also be living and working spaces, designed in accordance with an individual's style and taste."

Charlebois admits "lofts" aren't for everyone, but for the right person / persons its a perfect home setting.

"In a loft, you can have an art

gallery in your hallway," said Charlebois. "You can do whatever you want with the open space. It's great for artists and creative thinkers."

So far, the group has conducted five studies in the area — structural, outdoor environmental, indoor environmental, traffic and parking studies.

"There were concerns about parking issues in the area, but we've addressed that," said Charlebois. "We've identified space for 620 parking spots."

Once the model loft is built, the group is hoping it can provide developers and interested buyers with an idea of what a unit will cost.

"Right now, it's difficult to even speculate," said Charlebois.

GRG is also active in the promotion and organization of World Changers, a mission-led program which will bring hundreds of American youths into S,D and G this summer to work on community-based projects.



Receiving the 2001 Canadian Urban Institute Brownie Award.

Left : Recipient: Lynne Pederson, Ministry Municipal Affaires and Housing.  
Centre: Glenn R. Miller, MSIP, RPP Director of Applied Research, Canadian Urban Institute  
Right: Recipient: Chuck Charlebois - Renaissance Spokesperson

"The program has been very fruitful," said Charlebois. "Between last year and this year, we will soon have 100 projects completed."

In the coming year, GRG will continue to focus on other projects, such as Brownfield Development, Partners Against Crime, Ontario Works Outreach Projects, and Cleanup Days.

## TESTIMONIALS

My experience with Chuck Charlebois and the Renaissance Group has been very positive over the past 10 or so years. The leadership it has taken in this community has been remarkable and extensive. From its involvement on the waterfront (Colton Mill, Habitats for Humanity...) to helping start Community Agencies of SDG as well as helping individual organizations such as SD&G Developmental Services Centre, there is no end to its commitment or sense of community. Its more recent project involving World Changers only serves to broaden the positive across the three counties. All of the group's activities are built on partnership. Congratulations Chuck and all those involved with the Renaissance Group

**Jean-Marc Boisvenue**, Executive Director  
S.D.&G Developmental Service Centre

For four days in the summer of 2002, 12 young students from the "World Changers" arrived at the Lost Villages Museum (to scrape flaking paint from three heritage buildings and to apply fresh coats of paint). With smiles on their faces, hearts and hands ready to give their best to the community, and deep spiritual faith, these young people demonstrated true Christian giving. The work carried out was second to none, and they were a credit to their families, community and Southern Baptist Convention. The members of the Lost Villages Historical Society anxiously await the return of the 2003 "World Changers." Once again, they will leave gospel messages through the good work they do for the community and museum.

**Jim Brownell**, President, Lost Villages Historical Society

Johns Manville Canada, its employees and staff are proud sponsors of the Renaissance Project. The initiative taken by the group of volunteers to improve the quality of our community and the betterment of its people is a role model for other communities to follow. The dedication and drive of this group and the results is a testament of what can be accomplished when we all work together.

To a worthwhile project, Johns Manville Canada salutes you.

**Bill Major**, Plant Manager, Johns Manville Canada Inc.

The Group Renaissance Project is an excellent example of collective success when a group of people and associations join forces to work together in co-operation. This initiative has brought to the community a sense of pride to improve the image of the area and the services it has to offer.

**Jean-Pierre Leroux**, General Manager, Caisse Populaire de Cornwall

The Renaissance Committee has instituted a spirit of renewal in Le Village area of our community. The residents are taking full ownership of their future and the neighbourhoods in which they reside. Renaissance ensures that the residential neighbourhoods continue to be vibrant areas in which to raise families, and that is good for our city.

**Brian Sylvester**, Mayor.

Cornwall's Renaissance Group's activities can serve as a model for the rest of Canada. It is an outstanding example of what can happen when a community group, a city administration and a university work together. I am truly thrilled and excited.

**Dr. Avi Friedman**, McGill University Professor of Architecture, Director, Affordable Home Program

Scotiabank in Cornwall is proud to be an active partner with Chuck Charlebois and the Renaissance Group. Our future depends on a clean environment. Reclaiming and revitalizing the city's waterfront is the right thing to do for all of us.

**Connie Vardy**, Manager, Scotiabank of Cornwall

The Rosedale Recreation Association is proud to be partners with Chuck Charlebois and the Renaissance Group. Without their help and the efforts of the World Changers, we would never have been able to pay for the labour to repair our park portable. Rosedale Terrace thanks you!

**Tammie Grant**, Rosedale Recreation Association

## "2003 Projects" A Look Ahead

- **BROWNFIELD PROJECTS**
  - Business Plan for Finishing Mill Lofts
  - Construction Model Loft
  - Promote Brownfield Development
- **RPAC, RENAISSANCE PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME**
- **RENAISSANCE / ONTARIO WORKS OUTREACH PROJECTS**
- **WORLD CHANGES COMMUNITY PROJECTS**
  - June 21 to July 5
- **CITY OF CORNWALL / RENAISSANCE RENOVATION PROJECTS**
- **CLEAN UP DAYS**
  - (June/July/August)

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