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# Newsbriefs

MANITOBA EDITION

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Victoria hosts 2001 AGM

CHF Canada members are island bound for this year's annual meeting. The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to meet co-operators from across the country and features workshops for co-op members and staff. It takes place **June 6 - 10** in Victoria.

For more information, or to register, contact **Laurette Jones** at the Ottawa office at 1-800-465-2752 or email her at [ljones@chfc.ca](mailto:ljones@chfc.ca). Registrations are coming in quickly, so register soon to make sure you don't miss out on any of the activities.

### Advisory Forum and CHF Canada Delegates Meet in Winnipeg

A joint meeting of CHF Canada delegates and the Manitoba Advisory Forum was held on Wednesday, **May 2, 2001** from **7:30 p.m.** to **9:30 p.m.** at **Westboine Park Housing Co-op**, 32 Shelmerdine Drive in Winnipeg.

Forum representatives and CHF Canada delegates received an update on Manitoba activities and CHF Canada board activities. We also reviewed the resolutions to be voted on at the CHF Canada Annual General Meeting in Victoria, BC.

The next Advisory Forum meeting will be held on **September 15, 2001** in Winnipeg.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Education Conference.

## Group buying comes to Manitoba

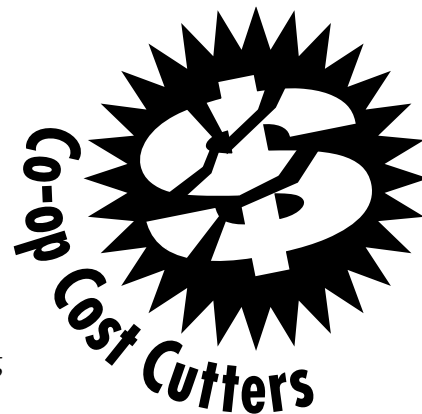
*Co-op Cost Cutters program offers great deals to members*

**B**elonging to CHF Canada can help you and your co-op members save money. We work hard to harness the buying power of housing co-operatives, and now we have another way that CHF Canada members can save money!

Through a special arrangement with housing co-op federations in Ontario, we are pleased to offer the **Co-op Cost Cutters** program, a group purchasing program organized by Ontario federations, to our CHF Canada Manitoba members. Co-op Cost Cutters offers Manitoba member housing co-ops the ability to pool their buying power with over 35,000 housing co-op units in Ontario. Member co-ops will save money on maintenance supplies, electrical and plumbing supplies, appliance parts, flooring, carpets, tile, paint and wall coverings, as well as other products and services.

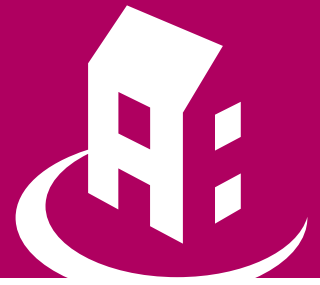
Although the Co-op Cost Cutters program may be new to Manitoba housing co-ops, it is not a new program. For the past several years, it has been helping Ontario housing co-ops save money and today, it has harnessed more than a million dollars in co-op purchasing power. That translates into great deals for your co-op.

We hope you'll take advantage of this program. Take the time to check out Co-op Cost Cutters — contact **Jocelyn** at the CHF Canada Manitoba office at (204) 989-5963 to get your co-op saving money right away. 🏠



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### Networking Luncheon

Co-op staff face many challenges in their work and need opportunities to meet with resource people and other co-op staff in order to do their jobs effectively.

The CHF Canada Manitoba office is hosting a Networking Luncheon on Thursday, **May 24, 2001**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Winnipeg. We'll be talking about ways your co-op can save money and highlighting our new Group Buying program. Staff will have an opportunity to network and share ideas with others from the sector.

Invitations were sent directly to your co-op. For more information, or to register, contact Jocelyn at (204) 989-5963.

### Mark Your Calendars

The CHF Canada Manitoba office is hosting its first **Education Conference** on Saturday, **September 15, 2001** in Winnipeg. It will be a great opportunity for co-op staff and members to learn new skills and share experiences with others from across the province. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us in Winnipeg at our first ever Education Conference.

### *Investment program puts money in members' pockets*

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On November 1, 2000 we launched a **Co-op Housing Investment Program (CHIP)** for CHF Canada Manitoba member housing co-ops. Participating housing co-ops get an advantageous rate of return on accounts and term deposits, as well as reduced fees on chequing account services.

After participating in the program for only a few months, our members are noticing some big savings. **Westboine Park Housing Co-op** is saving about \$1.00 to \$1.20 per unit per month by participating in the CHIP. **Village Canadien Co-op** is estimating a net gain of about \$3,120 in just the first year of participation in the program. That means they save over half of their annual Manitoba dues levy just by participating in the program. **Carpathia Housing Co-op** in Winnipeg is saving \$1.00 to \$1.20 per unit per month by participating in the program — they are achieving big savings on their monthly bank charges.

By participating in the CHIP program, your co-op can save money and pass those savings on to your members. Take the time to check out our CHIP program — contact **Jocelyn** at the CHF Canada Manitoba office at (204) 989-5963. 🏠

### *Workshops designed to meet your co-op's needs*

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We offer education workshops for housing co-ops by request. The workshops are delivered on-site and are designed specifically to meet the needs of your housing co-op. Here is a sample of some of the workshops we can offer: Board of Directors, Financial Management, Legal Responsibilities of Directors, Financial Issues for ILM and Section 95 Housing Co-ops and Goal Planning for Co-op Boards. Contact **Jocelyn** at (204) 989-5963 or toll-free at 1-888-591-3301 to set up a workshop for your co-op. 🏠