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of which are new social housing development projects in Mississauga. In addition, I would like to refer to the Sampaguito Philippino Seniors home, which is another private non profit social housing development. As part of those three projects we see over 300 new homes being developed across my city. The two co-operatives are open now and looking forward to their official ceremonies later in June. The Philippino senior citizen's home is currently under construction, and of course we wish them well.

These three projects came about because a particular volunteer had the vision and willingness to undertake the hard work necessary to make these projects happen. These projects reflect the dedication and the community spirit that is so typical of voluntary action. They reflect a willingness to struggle, to spend long hours late into the night, year after year to see a dream turned into concrete and new homes. Then, on the other side, the people of Canada form the other half of the partnership through our willingness to fund these projects through CMHC's social housing program. We provide financial help and management advice to match the voluntary spirit.

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I would like to salute the founding members, the founding board of directors and the initial residents in those three housing projects. When those housing projects are opened in my city, the whole city will be far better for it. When those housing projects offer their facilities to the citizens of Mississauga, then all of Mississauga will benefit. This is the kind of creative partnership that we have developed in housing.

As I mentioned to you a moment ago, Mr. Speaker, over 300 new homes were developed in Mississauga in 1983 alone. Over 1,500 new homes have been built across our city since 1980 when I was elected, and over 100,000 new homes have been built under this program across Canada since 1980. This is a partnership, Sir, between people in our city who have vision and determination and the federal Government that is prepared to join with the voluntary sector and make those dreams come true. That is the way the private sector, the voluntary sector, finds help and friendship with the Liberal Government.

There is a similar equal partnership happening in multiculturalism. Again I am going to use examples from my own riding because I have seen our multiculturalism policy work so very well in my city. There are several heritage language schools open every Saturday morning across Mississauga. I see the Hon. Member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis) here. One of his children is enrolled in the Copernicus Polish school. There is also the St. Sophia Ukrainian school, the Frederick Schiller German school, and the Mississauga Croatian school. Do you know, Mr. Speaker, that the parents in those schools spend hours of their own time making sure those schools are properly established, that proper teachers are hired and finances are arranged properly? In short, this is typical of the kind of dedication and hard work that people put into all our voluntary activities. Again, the federal Government is there as a partner. We offer them some financial assistance to keep the

doors open. They have their own private fund raising and God bless everybody, they are great at it. But we are there also to provide some additional help. I remember just the other week going to the Chinese Language school in my city. Six teachers are looking through available text books in Chinese dialects to see if they are suitable for teaching in similar schools coast to coast. The federal Government is helping with some of the research costs. I gave them a cheque on behalf of the people of Canada to encourage them. That project will help Chinese parents and children, not just in Mississauga, not just in that one school, but from coast to coast, from Miramichi right to Vancouver Island. In Mississauga we are proud to be a sparkplug in that partnership between the voluntary sector and the federal Government. Let us remember this is the type of voluntary self-sacrificing activity that is typical of so many groups.

Other multicultural programs are relying on the same willingness of people to give their time unstintingly and to use their imagination to develop ways to help our community and our country. I think, for example, of the Malton Black Development Association. Early in June that association will be holding a seminar on the family's role in Canadian society. That seminar will help immigrant parents to develop ways of dealing with the great stresses between their traditional societies and the new society in which they and their children are living. Here is a group that saw a need. Here is a group that did not want to stay simply as a social group. They wanted to reach into families and into personal lives to make an improvement. Again the voluntary sector was encouraged and supported by a federal Liberal program. I am proud of the help that we extended to them. I want to wish them well in all the efforts which they undertake in preparation for their seminar next June.

I think of other multicultural groups that have done the same sort of thing. The Malton Catholic Community, for example, is a case where the church, community groups, and individual citizens have joined together to help new Canadians who have not yet achieved Canadian citizenship. They are offering classes and telling people how to fill out forms. They are helping people to anticipate the struggles ahead. Above all, they are helping fellow Canadians to assume the vital role of Canadian citizenship. They are doing this as volunteers. We in the federal Government have provided a small grant to help them with their costs.

Take a look at the Sao Salvadore Centre which is helping Portuguese immigrants integrate into Canadian society in Mississauga. Last summer, the Summer Canada grant program was used by several Portuguese Canadians to develop a film strip that will explain to the rest of us how immigrants feel and what difficulties they have when they first come to this country. Service clubs, churches, schools, and other volunteer groups across Mississauga can now get that film strip and see life as a new immigrant sees it, to experience life as new immigrants experience it, all because of students and the people at the Sao Salvadore Centre which had the imagination and sensitivity to develop such a fine program. We were able