



Giving Back

HOME Recently the Robinson Group, which operates a number of plumbing and lighting showrooms across Western Canada, put its manpower and goodwill to work in Costa Rica. Robinson trade customers and staff members, including president Ross Robinson, worked on the building site for a Habitat for Humanity home that will be awarded to a local family. In addition, the Robinson staff donated a gift certificate for that family to eventually buy groceries. For added Canadian flair, the Robinson team also embedded a toonie in the home's foundation.—*Marie Belmont*

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In with the New

HOME To everything there is a season, and it's time to turn, turn, turn your closet over to your summer wardrobe. Operation Style is a Vancouver-based fashion company that offers a range of style services like the Closet Detox, a de-cluttering service that employs fashionistas Kristy Rogerson and Jillian Crago (above) to organize and re-invigorate your wardrobe. The company also offers concierge-type services ranging from Personal Shopping (\$145 an hour) to Glam on the Go (\$85), a handy errand-running service that takes care of everything from dry cleaning to alterations.

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Square Yardage

GARDEN Aloe Designs, a Vancouver-based landscape design group, caters to aspiring designers with Design in a Box, a kit for DIY backyard enthusiasts. "We had clients last year who hired us to do their landscape design knowing that their three kids would do the work," says Aloe's Caitlin Black. The kits come with

a customized professional concept plan (complete with specs), a shopping list and sage advice on how to keep things growing over time. Packages for three different-size garden designs are available.—*Fan-Yee Suen*

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