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Habitat and United Way Helping Family Repair Home

OWEN SOUND, ON Wednesday November 4, 2015 – Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce and the United Way Bruce Grey are partnering together to help a family in Owen Sound whose home was damaged by the fires in August. New siding, generously donated by Mitten, will be installed replacing the existing siding that was melted by the heat of one of the fires.

Volunteers are needed to help remove the old siding and install the new siding. Habitat is looking for help from anyone who is willing to lend a hand and is particularly in need of people who have siding experience. The project is scheduled to start November 13th and is expected to be completed by November 27th.

Those willing to help out are being asked to register at Habitat's website, www.habitatgreybruce.ca and click on the "Habitat Side Project" graphic. You must pre-register before arriving on site. People can also call (519) 371-6776, ext. 5 for more information.

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About Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce

Established in 1987, Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce is a non-profit, housing organization. We welcome all people without discrimination to join us as we build simple, energy-efficient and affordable homes in partnership with hard-working families living in substandard housing. Families purchase Habitat homes through a no-down payment, no-interest mortgage with payments set at 25 percent of gross income. This solution not only helps to provide housing for families in need, it enables them to build assets, reduce their dependence on other forms of social assistance and break the cycle of poverty.

Since our beginning, we have built 36 homes throughout Grey and Bruce counties. All of our administrative costs are paid for by the operation of our three ReStores located in Owen Sound, Hanover and Port Elgin. Habitat ReStores sell quality new and used donated building materials and other products.

About United Way Bruce Grey

The United Way of Bruce Grey is a critical community convener that mobilizes its partners – including business, labour, community leaders, government and community residents – to create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community.

Not all have an equal opportunity to create a vibrant life. Many struggle to achieve a sustainable livelihood because they have vulnerabilities that place them at risk, and face significant barriers in accessing opportunities and support. Recognizing this, the United Way of Bruce Grey relies on the support of the community to help the most vulnerable. We have a number of specific programs, such as Utility Assistance Program and the Backpack Program, that are managed by the United Way of Bruce Grey. We also support organizations with specific expertise in poverty related areas such as nutrition programs for schoolchildren, support for abused women, youth at risk, and seniors.