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SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project helps families in Regina make their energy dollars go further this winter

Today, volunteers from SaskEnergy, TransGas, The Salvation Army, SIAST, City of Regina, Farm Credit Canada, SaskEnergy Network Members, and the community teamed up to provide 100 Regina families with a little extra warmth this fall from the 2009 SaskEnergy Home Efficiency Project (HEEP).

Over the next eight weeks, the Home Energy Efficiency Project will assist 500 families in communities throughout Saskatchewan. To-date, the Home Energy Efficiency Projected has helped 1481 homeowners with a goal of reaching 2,500 homeowners by 2010.

“The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Program is all about making energy dollars go further for hundreds of families every year,” said Ken Chevaldayoff, Minister responsible for SaskEnergy. “The strength of this program, though, is that its messages go much further than one community on a particular day, providing tips that all homeowners can use to cut energy costs and reduce their impact on the environment. The continued success of the many programs and services lead by SaskEnergy shows that the people of this province take energy conservation seriously.”

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project will allow families in Regina to benefit from more than \$200 worth of home improvements including: replacing furnace filters; installing programmable thermostats; replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs; preparing windows and doors for winter; and installing water saving showerheads and toilet tank inserts to save water. Families will save on energy and water consumption, and may notice a difference on their utility bills of approximately \$100 every year after the work is completed.

“Every year The Salvation Army considers it a privilege to be a part of the SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project. This approach clearly provides direct help and practical assistance where it is needed most, it continues to build stronger community partnerships with other local organizations and government and in the end it helps build a healthier greener tomorrow for Saskatchewan,” says Captain Tiffany Marshall of The Salvation Army. “When we all work together, we can accomplish so much more than any one of us on our own.”

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project is available to homeowners with a combined annual household income of no more than \$45,000. Local Salvation Army centres have been responsible for selecting the families who will benefit from the project. This year’s project will help families in Regina, Saskatoon and Cowesses First Nation.

“The Home Energy Efficiency Project offers students an excellent opportunity to develop new skills, gain practical experience and connect with the community,” says Dr. Robert (Bob) G. McCulloch. “I’m proud of the work they do and of the contributions that our employees make to the program.”

This year SaskEnergy extended the Home Energy Efficiency Project to include three rural communities. The winning proposals were submitted by Yellow Grass, Shellbrook and Wilkie. Selected homeowners in the communities will receive energy efficiency products and upgrades for their homes. In addition to the project day, each community will receive a \$5,000 grant from SaskEnergy to put towards their proposed project which will benefit the entire community.

Homeowners interested in next year’s project should contact the Regina Salvation Army at 757-4600. For energy efficiency tips, visit www.saskenergy.com/saving_energy.

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