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SaskEnergy and Habitat for Humanity are lending a HELP-ing hand to Regina Homeowners

Two low-income homeowners in Regina will begin to see the results today of an energy efficiency home makeover, thanks to a partnership between SaskEnergy and Habitat for Humanity.

“We have just wrapped up our first week of the 2012 project in Saskatoon, where five deserving homeowners received the benefits of the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program. It’s great to see SaskEnergy employees alongside Habitat for Humanity volunteers work together to make a real difference in the lives of these homeowners,” said Shannon Doka, Community Involvement Leader for SaskEnergy.

These Regina homeowners will each receive a new ENERGY STAR® qualified furnace. Recipients were chosen through an application selection process administered by Habitat for Humanity, based on income, improvements needed and personal circumstances.

“Habitat for Humanity Regina congratulates SaskEnergy on the HELP program that has successfully helped many homeowners upgrade their properties to achieve better efficiency. Upgrades such as the ones provided by HELP allow low-income families to stay in their homes in security and stability,” said Dennis Coutts, CEO Habitat for Humanity Regina.

Both homes had a structural inspection and Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses (SEGH) evaluation completed. The SEGH evaluation provides an energy rating for the home, as well as recommendations for retrofits that will best reduce energy costs and improve the home’s overall energy efficiency. A team of SaskEnergy employee volunteers alongside Habitat for Humanity will be at one of the homes today where a ‘Day of Caring’ is taking place for a single senior.

SaskEnergy’s 2011 Home Energy Legacy Program was a pilot project where a total of seven homes were upgraded in Saskatoon and Regina. As a result of HELP, those homeowners have saved, on average, 30% on their energy consumption in the first 10 months with their new furnaces. HELP 2012 will benefit five homeowners in Saskatoon, as well as two in Regina and four in Moose Jaw.

Other supporters of the 2012 SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program include:

- **Nu-Trend Industries**, the Carrier wholesaler in Saskatchewan, and Carrier Canada are providing ENERGY STAR® furnaces at a substantially reduced cost for the project;
- **Bradford White Canada Inc. and Wolseley Mechanical Group**, are providing three ENERGY STAR® water heaters;
- **Saskatchewan Watershed Authority** is sponsoring the WaterSense labeled products.

Installation of the Carrier furnaces will be completed by SaskEnergy Network Members: **Razor Heating and Air Conditioning**, Saskatoon; **C & E Mechanical Inc.**, Moose Jaw; and **All-Premium Plumbing and Heating Ltd.**, Regina. **Centennial Plumbing, Heating & Electrical** will also be providing an installation service.

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Attention News Directors and Assignment Editors:

During the week (June 11 – 15) there will be homeowners, along with representatives from SaskEnergy and Habitat for Humanity, available to media for photos and interviews between the hours of 8:30 am and 4 pm. Regina retrofits are expected to be completed by Friday, June 15th. Please contact Shannon or Trish for location details.

Information about the 2012 Regina HELP participants:

Dorrine. Dorrine is a senior who has lived in her home for the past 38 years. She is in need of several upgrades and repairs to her home. The HELP project will allow Dorrine to live comfortably in her home for many more years to come. Through the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program, she will receive: a high efficiency ENERGY STAR® furnace and a programmable thermostat. SaskEnergy employees and Habitat for Humanity volunteers will be onsite to paint Dorrine's fence and garage, and install a new toilet.

John and Linda. John and Linda purchased their home 19 years ago when they moved to Regina from Toronto. Upon moving in, the couple replaced the furnace and re-shingled the roof. John is rather handy and has kept up with minor upgrades during their time spent in their home. However, with a tight budget and projects piling up, John and Linda are fortunate that the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program will provide them with: a high efficiency ENERGY STAR furnace, and programmable thermostat. SaskEnergy employees and Habitat for Humanity volunteers will also be onsite to perform upgrades to their existing deck.

