



HELP
Home Energy Legacy Program

Media Release

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SaskEnergy and Habitat for Humanity are HELP-ing out Saskatoon Homeowners

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

“It’s an exciting day for SaskEnergy and Saskatoon homeowners as we launch our 2012 project,” said Doug Kelln, CEO, SaskEnergy. “I’m very pleased to be onsite today to lend a hand as we partner with Habitat for Humanity for the second year in a row on the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program (HELP). At SaskEnergy, we are dedicated to supporting our communities and investing in our environment, which is why programs such as HELP are so important to us.”

Five Saskatoon homeowners will each receive up to \$10,000 in energy efficient upgrades which may include: top-of-the line ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces and water heaters, basement and attic insulation, toilet or window replacements. Recipients were chosen through an application selection process administered by Habitat for Humanity, based on income, improvements needed and personal circumstances.

“We strive to create a community where everyone has a safe and comfortable home in which to live. This vision would not be possible without the meaningful partnership we have with SaskEnergy,” said Sharon Prediger, Executive Administrator, Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon.

All homes had a structural inspection and Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses (SEGH) evaluation done. 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 homes overall energy efficiency. Kelln and a team of SaskEnergy employee volunteers alongside Habitat for Humanity will be at one of the homes today where a young family is working hard to make their home as energy efficient and affordable as possible.

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:

- **Saskatchewan Watershed Authority** are sponsoring the WaterSense labeled products;
- **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

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 4 – 8) 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. Saskatoon retrofits are expected to be completed by Friday, June 8th.

Information about the 2012 Saskatoon HELP participants:

Muriel in Saskatoon. Muriel is an active senior who has lived in her home since it was built, 55 years ago. She is a highly involved volunteer within her community and takes great pride in her home. Today, Muriel still holds the original blue prints to her home and it is still heated by the original furnace. Through the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program, her home will receive: a high efficiency ENERGY STAR® furnace, a programmable thermostat, an ENERGY STAR fridge, an ENERGY STAR water heater, attic insulation, and a WaterSense labeled toilet.

Todd and Allison in Saskatoon. Todd and Allison along with their two children bought their first home last year and couldn't be happier. When they bought the house, they knew it needed some renovations and upgrades but they loved their home and neighborhood. Since moving in, Todd and Allison have reinsulated and dry walled the entire upstairs of their wartime bungalow. Through the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program, they will receive: a high efficiency ENERGY STAR furnace, programmable thermostat, and an ENERGY STAR water heater.

Deanna in Saskatoon. Deanna is a senior who has lived in her home since purchasing it in 1975. Deanna takes great pride in her home where she worked hard to raise and support her two children. Today, Deanna continues to work hard and is self employed. Deanna's home is still heated by the original furnace and contains the original windows. Through the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program, Deanna will receive: a high efficiency ENERGY STAR furnace, programmable thermostat and a new window in the master bedroom.

Rose-Marie in Saskatoon. Rose-Marie is a single mother to her sixteen year old daughter, and has lived in her home for the past 20 years. She works very hard to take care of her home and make minor upgrades when she can. Since Rose-Marie purchased the two bedroom bungalow in 1992 she has managed to complete some upgrades but is especially in need of a new furnace as her current furnace is over 40 years old! The SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program will provide Rose-Marie with a high efficiency ENERGY STAR furnace to replace her tired old one, along with a new programmable thermostat so the temperature in her home will be adjusted automatically based on her settings.

Linda in Saskatoon. Linda describes being part of the HELP Program as a "life changer". She has lived in her 61-year-old home for the past 10 years and is a single mother of two children. Linda had managed to purchase a high efficiency furnace several years ago but couldn't afford the installation at the time. Through the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program, Linda's ENERGY STAR furnace and a programmable thermostat will be installed for her.

