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Rotary Breaks Ground with Habitat and New Partner Family

Port Colborne, ON – Monday April 14, 2008 marks an exciting event in the life of our city – the groundbreaking for a new Habitat home for a deserving family in our community. This build is taking place at the corner of Hwy. 58 and Paul Street, across from McDonalds. The Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial and the entire Port Colborne community are excited to break ground with Habitat for Humanity to build the organization's first Adopt-a-Home in Port Colborne.

Teams of volunteers are invited to roll up their sleeves and work together for a great cause – building a home with a local family in need. Even people with NO experience find that building a Habitat home teaches them more than they ever imagined about construction. Crew leaders instruct volunteers in many techniques including framing, insulation, drywall and interior work like sanding and painting. Building a Habitat home often results in the building of new friendships.

Habitat's programs are about tearing down walls and building bridges, helping families thrive in a host of areas such as a sense of belonging, equality, capability and independence. Habitat for Humanity Niagara has now selected a family to become proud new homeowners in Port Colborne.

Scott and Rose Moscript, along with their three children, will see their future home built by the entire community over the next four months. The local family will now realize their dream of affordable homeownership thanks to this project in Port Colborne.

"We still have an immediate need for the community to volunteer their time to help us complete this project," said Alastair Davis, CEO at Habitat for Humanity Niagara. Volunteers in the community can make a measurable difference for the Moscript family. "We welcome and invite the entire community to become involved in this project – enthusiasm and assistance from local businesses and individuals will make a lasting impact on the community. Volunteers

will have a chance to see that our excitement is building.” From May through June, volunteers are needed to volunteer their time building a new home with Habitat.

About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of economically disadvantaged persons through home ownership with the belief that decent, affordable housing is a basic human need. Established locally in 1993, Habitat has constructed 27 houses in Niagara. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing worldwide. The houses are sold at cost, with no-interest loans to partner families who contribute 500 hours of volunteer labour called “sweat equity.” www.habitatniagara.on.ca.

Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Through volunteer labour and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labour – sweat equity – into building their Habitat house and the homes of other partner families.

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