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MEDIA RELEASE

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DSBN Students Complete Habitat Project

Fort Erie, ON-With less than one month of school left, students from the DSBN's Specialist High Skills Major Program have been putting their education into action at Habitat's build site in Fort Erie. The students have been enthusiastically building and gaining on-the-job training toward their apprenticeship certification.

Ken Willms, DSBN Specialist High Skills Major Instructor, has been supervising these students as they learn the ins and outs of the construction industry. With the hopes that this project will be nearly finished when students finish their term; all efforts from the students have become very apparent. Habitat is excited to thank the students for their initiatives and will be having an appreciation BBQ on June 11th at 1:00 p.m.

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity Niagara, the DSBN student builds are giving students a chance to experience an on-the-job environment and volunteerism.

Exposed to wet snow, rain and cloudy skies, eighteen District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) students in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program have been eager to be actively involved with the build that will improve the lives of families in their community.

These students have also been exposed to valuable hands on learning opportunities that will prepare them for a future in the trade profession. Recently, the students signed their Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program papers taking them a step closer to achieving a future job.

With the guidance of their teacher, the students are giving back to their community by helping build up stability in their community and break down the cycle of poverty.

For years, Habitat Niagara has been watching homes build people while the people build the homes. Habitat believes that their mission can best be achieved through meaningful and mutually-beneficial partnerships with others. As one of the most respected charities in the world, Habitat strongly respects the people being served and those who are lending a helping hand and is proud to be working hand in hand with the DSBN.

Join Habitat for Humanity Niagara at 442 and 446 Phipps Street in Fort Erie at 1 p.m. for an appreciation BBQ and "Open House". As we witness the accomplishments of local DSBN students.

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 26 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.

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