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Habitat Dedicates Port Colborne Home

Port Colborne, ON—Rose and Scott Moscrip have put in their 500 hours of sweat equity; some hours spent hand-and-hand with local volunteers building their home on 21 Paul Street in Port Colborne. Along with their two daughters; Beatrice (15) and Sierra (12), and son; Bo (14), the Moscrip's will purchase their new home built at no-profit and financed with an interest-free mortgage. Now, their journey as a family begins a new role – becoming proud new homeowners.

"It feels great. Owning our own home will help tremendously. We can plant our feet and not move around everywhere," Rose said. "We're overwhelmed, excited and grateful to own a home."

Homeownership will allow the Moscrip family to build equity for the future instead of paying a disproportionate amount of their income on an unfit rental unit.

The family's new abode, constructed by volunteers throughout the Niagara Region, will provide simple, decent and affordable shelter allowing the family to flourish in the community.

The Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial partnered with Habitat for Humanity Niagara to build the organization's first Adopt-a-Home in Port Colborne. As part of Rotary's commitment to servicing community initiatives, they pledged to help raise awareness and funds for this build in Port Colborne. This opportunity to provide housing through active community participation shows the value of volunteerism.

Alastair Davis, CEO Habitat for Humanity Niagara, says, "In Niagara, there are close to 5,000 families in need of affordable housing. This house is an example of how the community can make a difference."

Habitat for Humanity makes a difference internationally and locally. Habitat has seen occasions of outrageous generosity – there have been occasions of individuals giving themselves to our builds, dedicating hours on end to making sure families have a high quality house to call their home. Moreover, Habitat has seen faith in action with the community and local churches

becoming involved with Habitat for Humanity. These efforts will ensure the Moscrip family will see their lives prosper in as new homeowners.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 the Moscrip's new home, 21 Paul Street, Port Colborne, is dedicated with a momentous key ceremony beginning at 10 a.m.

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 28 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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