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\$62,800 Capital grant helps with the successful launch of a Critical Repair Program through Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce with Saugeen Ojibway Nation

Owen Sound, ON – On Wednesday, MPP Rick Byers formally congratulated Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce on the work that’s happened as a result of receiving a \$62,800 Capital grant from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2023. The grant facilitated the purchase of a dedicated vehicle for delivering critical repairs to member families of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

“Congratulations to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce for receiving this support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. The grant will help the organization continue its excellent work in our Grey Bruce community” said MPP Rick Byers, Bruce Grey Owen Sound.

To date, 95 critical repairs have been successfully completed between the communities of Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation (Neyaashiinigmiing). The new vehicle has become a valuable asset to the Habitat Grey Bruce Construction fleet, enabling the team to efficiently carry out vital renovations and repairs across various sites.

Having grown up in a Habitat home, Colin Hokea is now completing his electrical apprenticeship with the very affiliate that supported his own family over two decades ago. Colin has been an integral part of the Habitat Grey Bruce team his entire life. He started out volunteering at Build sites, then joined the ReStore team as a customer sales representative and since 2022, performing electrical installations in new Habitat homes and undertaking critical repair projects under Mike’s expert guidance.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation’s grant has been instrumental in enabling Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce to provide opportunity for individuals to thrive through innovative housing solutions. Colin’s story is a shining testament to Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce’s dedication to serving the residents of Grey and Bruce Counties. It is through such funding that Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce continues to fulfill its mission and vision.

“Non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programming that makes a difference,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “That’s why funding that my ministry is providing through the OTF is so important. Our government wants to ensure that these programs and spaces remain the heart of communities across our province.”

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested more than \$110M into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide



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spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

About Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce: People in our community and all over the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and purchase their home with a no-down payment, no-interest mortgage with payments set at 25 per cent of their income.

Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce has served 131 adults and 205 children since 1987. With our help, Habitat homeowners are given the opportunity to thrive, enabling them to build a better life for themselves and their children.

To learn more about how you can help create a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live visit our website: habitatgreybruce.ca.

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Photo: (left to right) Colin Hokea, (Electrical Apprentice), Mike Frail, (Master Electrician), MPP Rick Byers, Bruce Grey Owen Sound and Greg Fryer, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce).