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Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce Hosts a “Welcome Home” Celebration for a Family in Neyaashiinigiing

OWEN SOUND, ON December 9, 2024 – Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce on December held a “Welcome Home” celebration for Shaelyne and her son Abel who received the keys to their new home in Neyaashiinigiing built by Habitat Grey Bruce. Shaelyne, a member of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, expressed her gratitude to everyone present and to Chief and Council: *“This has allowed me to give my son housing security and allows me to continue to raise him in this loving community. This gift has changed our lives in so many ways. Thank you.”*

In a statement on behalf of the Nawash Council, Chief Greg Nadjiwon noted, *“The construction of affordable quality homes is empowering families and generations to come to achieve their dreams. Our relationship with Habitat for Humanity is a critical part of our efforts to tackle the housing crisis faced by many of our members. We look forward to building on this success to realize our goal of safe, affordable homes for all members of the Chippewas of Nawash. Thank you.”*

This is the 20th house built by Habitat in the First Nation’s territory since 2018. The Build engaged 200 volunteers who contributed nearly 2,000 hours building Shaelyne’s home guided by Habitat’s construction team. Executive Director Greg Fryer commented, “The opportunity to build affordable homes in Neyaashiinigiing, providing skills training and employment opportunities for members of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation is truly meaningful for all of us at Habitat. We are honoured to have this growing partnership with Chief and Council.”

To date, Habitat’s Model of Hope partnership with Saugeen Ojibway Nation has created 36 new homes and the completion of more than 160 critical home repairs for member families.

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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% of their income. Not only does this provide affordable housing for families in need, it also enables them to build assets, reduce their dependence on other forms of social assistance and contribute to the community through paying property taxes.

As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity Canada, Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce has built 77 homes, serving 138 adults and 212 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.

We create opportunity for people to thrive through innovative housing solutions.