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LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT CELEBRATES \$8,000 EQUIPMENT DONATION

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to take up tools in summer building projects

Thunder Bay, April 16, 2009:

Diane Mitchell, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay, ecstatically accepted a gift worth \$8,000 from The Home Depot today. Win Budden, Store Manager of The Home Depot Thunder Bay, delivered the mountain of supplies and congratulated Habitat on their good works in Thunder Bay.

The Home Depot's donation of power tools, safety gear and other equipment needed for home construction will enable Habitat to update their existing inventory and outfit a larger on-site volunteer team. To demonstrate the range of equipment provided a mannequin was set up, dressed in safety equipment and provided with as many tools as its hands and tool-belts would allow. As they examined the mound of tools left over, Mitchell and Budden joked about the need to find enough hands to make use of every tool.



“We’ve always worked hard to give our build volunteers a great experience,” said Mitchell. “They’ve enjoyed the teamwork and the learning opportunities afforded by their times with us. Now, thanks to The Home Depot, they’re going to get to work with the newest and most top-of-the-line equipment.”

Mitchell reiterated Habitat Thunder Bay’s intention to house two new families this year. “We invite anyone interested in supervised, hands-on learning, teamwork and supporting a great charity to volunteer. Come out to build with us and help us find hands for all these tools!”

Habitat for Humanity has built 17 homes in Thunder Bay since 1994. Commencing this year, the not-for-profit is planning for two building projects a year to meet the rising need in our community.