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## **Theft from Habitat for Humanity results in substantial loss for charity**

**BRACEBRIDGE, ON** – A break-in at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Bracebridge resulted in a considerable loss of funds for the local not-for-profit homebuilders.

ReStore employees returned to work Monday morning to discover a safe had been broken into and the contents removed. As the local Ontario Gateway North affiliate gets ready to break ground on a semi-detached in Huntsville, the amount stolen would have covered the cost of pouring the foundation.

“This theft, while substantial, will not break our resolve or stall our construction plans,” said local Habitat CEO David Morris. “We remain committed to our goal of serving 11 families in the region this year, and will continue to partner with the community in helping low-income families experience the benefits of affordable homeownership.”

The theft comes on the heels of a weekend which saw an outpouring of community support raise over \$8,000 for Habitat for Humanity at Huntsville’s Band on the Run.

Habitat will break ground Thursday morning at the site of their Huntsville build at the corner of Irene and Walter Streets as the official kick-off to their 2016 build season.

The Habitat ReStore was able to return to full operation by Monday afternoon following the Ontario Provincial Police’s investigation. The Habitat for Humanity affiliate thanks the OPP for their quick response and diligent work.

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