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Habitat for Humanity Announces Build Project in North Bay

Chapter Members, Staff and Community Partners Gathered to Announce Algonquin Ave. Project

NORTH BAY, ON – Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North is proud to announce their summer 2018 build project in North Bay – a renovation of an existing home at 481 Algonquin Ave. On Thursday, May 17th, a community conversation held at Discovery North Bay officially announced the build as well as unveiling several community organizations who have already chosen to partner with Habitat on the project.

“We are thrilled to be working in North Bay. We are grateful for the community support and the many volunteers whose commitment to Habitat’s mission has helped us empower families through affordable home ownership,” said Kimberley Woodcock, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North. “Habitat homes provide families with the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life.”

Habitat for Humanity has a long history of creating affordable housing opportunities. To date, Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North has served 42 families, five of those are in North Bay. Every day thousands of families are forced to decide between paying rent or putting food on the table. Habitat’s model of affordable home ownership helps to change that.

People living in Habitat homes not only help to build their own houses, they also pay affordable mortgages. Habitat for Humanity’s innovative approach helps working families on a new path to better, affordable living conditions that lead to improved health and stronger childhood development. Access to affordable home ownership can help decrease a family’s reliance on food banks and allow them to move out of social housing which frees up space for those on waiting lists.

The existing house and property were purchased by Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North with donations from the local community. Ferris Home Hardware, K&T Port-A-John Rentals, United Rentals, Georgia-Pacific and Miller Waste Systems have all partnered with Habitat for Humanity to assist with the project.

Work will begin on the build site on May 23, 2018 starting with interior clean up before proceeding with renovation tasks. The local North Bay Chapter of Habitat for Humanity are looking for volunteers to assist in all areas of the project. Email northbay@habitatgatewaynorth.com for more information on volunteering or visit www.habitatgatewaynorth.com to fill out an online volunteer form.

Local families wishing to experience the strength, stability and self-reliance of homeownership through Habitat for Humanity in North Bay should contact the North Bay Chapter by email northbay@habitatgatewaynorth.com.

About Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North

Amalgamated in 2014, Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North is a nonprofit organization working toward a world where everyone has a decent place to call home. Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. With the help of volunteers and Habitat homeowners we provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives in our service area, in Canada and around the world. Our region serves communities across central and northern Ontario, including Orillia, Midland, Muskoka, Parry Sound, North Bay and Sudbury. Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity Canada, which was established in 1985 and has grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in more than 70 countries. For more information, please visit www.habitatgatewaynorth.com.

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Dean Decoste, co-owner of Ferris Home Hardware and Lisa Geris of Miller Waste Systems assist Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North staff in unveiling the community partners already on board to assist in the renovation at 481 Algonquin Ave.

Pictured (from left) Dean Decoste, Britta Gerwin, Kimberley Woodcock, Meghan Smith, Lisa Geris and David Abernethy.