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Flooring Donation Hits Home for Huntsville Habitat Family

Taylor Carpet One in Huntsville Supports Employee and Habitat Partner Father with Flooring Donation

HUNTSVILLE, ON – The hardest part for James Speicher was keeping the secret from his boss at Taylor Carpet One Floor & Home. For months, Speicher knew he was going to purchase the Habitat home being built nearby, but couldn't tell anyone.

"I saw him rubbing his hand on some new laminate we brought it, and James said 'this would look good in my new house'" recalled Taylor Carpet One Owner Wrenn Mann. "I didn't know at the time, it was a big secret, so I just thought to myself it was some wishful thinking – he's thinking positive."

When Speicher was finally able to reveal to Mann his family would be moving into their new home on May 1, the flooring was still stocked and ready.

"We've donated all the flooring at cost," said Mann, which includes the laminate, the vinyl and the stair covering for the whole unit. "It was great, and so exciting to find out that day he was one of the recipients of the build and then to find out he was keeping it from me," he laughed.

Speicher says his family has been overwhelmed by the local businesses and volunteers who have supported the local build and the kindness he has received since being named a Habitat partner family.

"It's always great to have support everywhere, it's the best part of this community. We get support everywhere we go. It's all part of Muskoka," he said.

The build at Irene Street is in its final push before the key turning ceremony on April 22, and before the families take possession on May 1.

"Community Partners like Taylor Carpet One Floor & Home are an essential part of the build in Huntsville," said Director of Development and Communications Britta Gerwin. "These families will now build strength, stability and self-reliance through homeownership, and it's in large part thanks to the business owners in the community.

If you would like to join the Huntsville build as a sponsor, partner, or volunteer contact Habitat's Director of Director of Development Britta Gerwin at (705) 646-0106 ext. 205 or email bgerwin@habitatgatewaynorth.com.

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