

# Charity spiel in Colborne launches local Habitat build

## Curling club raises more than \$3,100 for new home project

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COLBORNE -- For the past seven years, curlers in Colborne have answered the call to support local fundraising efforts.

So it came as no surprise that the club raised more than it ever has at the 8th annual charity spiel, this time to benefit the new Habitat for Humanity project in Colborne.

"They have never built one in Cramahe Township before, so this will help with their build," said organizer Lynn Marshall of the Colborne Curling Club. "We have a lot of fun plus there's shuffleboard, miniature putting, curling, cards and food."

In addition to raising more than \$3,100, the club attracted 20 teams, breaking its record of 16 set the year before.

"As soon as people heard it was for Habitat, they really wanted to help the family out," she said.

The fundraiser also marked the launch of Habitat's 2013 Colborne Campaign to raise \$75,000 to build the house.

On Jan. 22 Peter and Brandie Smith, the new homeowners, were revealed following a commitment from Cramahe Township in early 2012 to donate a building lot in the Colborne Creek subdivision.

Meaghan Macdonald, the executive director for Habitat for Humanity Northumberland, took part in the charity curling event on Jan. 12, taking on a team representing Cramahe Township.

Announcing the new campaign on Thursday, she said that Habitat for Humanity's model is based on a community building a home, a family purchasing the home and all their mortgage payments being reinvested to build the next home.

"Now that we have identified the partner family for the house, we are very excited to launch the campaign to build the home with this wonderful donation from the Colborne Curling Club," she said.

The campaign is hoping to engage individuals, organizations and businesses, with no donation too small and every dollar being used locally.

Since being founded in 1998, Habitat for Humanity Northumberland has built 38 homes locally and provided 39 families with affordable housing in Northumberland County.

For Ms. Marshall, who has curled in Colborne for 30 years and has organized the event for the past six, seeing donations grow was the highlight.

"We have continually increased our donations to each charity we support," she said. "One of the things we like to do is alternate between community care for seniors and youth."

Last year's proceeds supported the County's YMCA Strong Kids program, she added.

"We always try to centre it in Cramahe Township because we like to see the funds stay locally," Ms.

Marshall said. "It's also great because we bring people in from all over and maybe we get some members out of it as well."

Donations to the 2013 Colborne Campaign are being accepted at the Cramahe Township hall during normal business hours.

Those interested in getting involved with the build are invited to a volunteer information session being organized by Habitat for Humanity Northumberland on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Keeler Centre, 80 Division St. Colborne.

For details contact Laurie Carrol at 905-373-4663 ext. 27 or volunteer@habitatnorthumberland.ca.

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The Rotary Club of Port Hope recently had the pleasure of presenting the Port Hope Community Health Centre with a \$10,000 donation in support of their dental program, which offers the services of a dentist, hygienist and dental assistant four days a week for those who cannot access such services due to low-income issues or lack of dental benefits. Present were (from left) Rotarian Mervyn Richards of the Northumberland Oral Health Coalition, coalition chair Anna Rusak, health-centre executive director John Hassan, Rotary president Kelly Morgan and health-centre corporate-services manager Ross Jeffery.

## Habitat For Humanity kicks off Colborne campaign in a big way

located at 29 Thomas St.

COLBORNE - Habitat For Humanity Northumberland thanks the Colborne Curling Club for its great \$3,100 start on the campaign to raise \$75,000 to build the first Habitat home in Colborne.

Habitat recently unveiled the Smith family as the residents of the home that will be built in Colborne in 2013, and the fundraising effort to make it happen was kicked off Jan. 12 at the Colborne Curling Club's annual charity bonspiel. Twenty teams showed up, and the sum raised was the event's biggest amount to date.

"Habitat for Humanity's model is based on a community building a home, a family purchasing the home, and all their mortgage payments being reinvested to build the next home," executive director Meaghan Macdonald said.

"Now that we have identified the partner family for the house, we are very excited to launch the campaign to build the home with this wonderful donation from the Colborne Curling Club."

Macdonald is hoping for support from individuals, organizations and businesses. No donation is too small, she said, and every dollar donated will go to the building of the Colborne house.

Anyone interested in making a donation can do so directly at the Cramahe Township Hall during normal business hours.

Those interested in finding out more about the project and how to get involved are invited to a Feb. 13 Volunteer Information Session at 6:30 p.m. at the Keeler Centre



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