



Giving Hope Today



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## **SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project – Rural Community Initiative**

**Regina** – SaskEnergy, The Salvation Army and SIAST are once again teaming up to provide communities across Saskatchewan with a little extra warmth this fall from the 2009 SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP).

SaskEnergy is currently looking for three (3) Saskatchewan communities with populations fewer than 2,500 to take part in a new, rural energy efficiency initiative. Selected homeowners in the community will receive energy efficient products and upgrades for their home valued up to \$200. The energy efficient upgrades can save each household, on average, up to \$100 a year on their utility bills.

A project day will be held in the selected communities where local volunteers will install energy efficient products such as programmable thermostats, low-flow showerheads, insulation for leaky windows and weather stripping on doors.

In addition to the project day, each community will receive a \$5,000 grant from SaskEnergy to put toward a community improvement project which will benefit the entire community.

Selection of the communities will be based on the number of possible residential upgrades to be performed in the community, the number of local volunteers willing to participate and the merits of the proposed improvement project that will be assisted by the \$5,000 grant.

For further information, please contact SaskEnergy at 306-777-9814 or go to [www.saskenergy.com](http://www.saskenergy.com).

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**About HEEP:** The goal of this project is to improve the energy efficiency in the homes of low-income Saskatchewan families, especially during challenging winters. Families benefit from lower energy costs while learning about simple and inexpensive home energy efficiency options. Program partners and other community volunteers come together to perform energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in both urban and rural communities throughout Saskatchewan. The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project has helped 1481 families to become more energy efficient since 2005. The program goal is to help 2,500 Saskatchewan families by the year 2010.