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Home Energy Efficiency Project helps families save money in Moose Jaw

Once again SaskEnergy's Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP) is rolling into communities across Saskatchewan. Starting today, volunteers from SaskEnergy, TransGas, The Salvation Army, SIAST, SaskEnergy Network Members, and the community are teaming up to provide 62 Moose Jaw families with a little extra warmth this fall from through HEEP.

Over the next six weeks, the HEEP volunteers will assist families in communities throughout Saskatchewan. Since 2005, HEEP has helped 1,954 families to become more energy efficient. The project is in its fifth and final year and expects to achieve its goal of helping 2,500 Saskatchewan families.

"The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project's strength is it brings together people in our communities, with the goal of helping customers reduce energy costs," said Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy, Dustin Duncan. "It's a win-win situation because we can help customers lessen their energy costs and the reduction in energy use benefits the environment. Thank you to our partners for helping us to carry out this important initiative."

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project will allow families in Moose Jaw to benefit from more than \$200 worth of home improvements including: replacing furnace filters; installing programmable thermostats; replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs; preparing windows and doors for winter; and installing water-saving showerheads and toilet tank inserts. Families will save on energy and water consumption, and may save as much as \$100 on their annual utility bills after the work is completed.

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project is available to homeowners with a combined annual household income of no more than \$45,000.

"The Salvation Army has been privileged and greatly appreciative to be apart of the Home Energy Efficiency Project for the past five years. This joint project has provided direct help to those who need it most and has helped build a greener province" said Major Don Law of The Salvation Army in Moose Jaw. "It has been a great joy to visit so many homes helping people in day to day life instead of in crisis situations, which is most of our work."

Local volunteers provide the needed manpower to make the improvements possible. Moose Jaw's SIAST Palliser Campus students and faculty are key to the project's success.

"With heightened awareness about the need to use energy wisely, the Home Energy Efficiency Project is more important than ever. As well, it offers students great opportunity to exercise their new skills, and it allows our employees to connect with the community," says Dr. Robert (Bob) G. McCulloch.

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project – Rural Community Initiative is in its second year. The winning proposals were submitted by Quill Lake, Grenfell, Macklin, Canora and Hazlet. Selected homeowners in these communities will receive energy efficiency products and upgrades for their homes. In addition to the project day, each community will receive a \$5,000 grant from SaskEnergy to put towards their proposed project which will benefit the entire community.

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