

HELP Arrives in Saskatoon

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program (HELP) kicked off its pilot year with five low-income homeowners in Saskatoon receiving home energy efficiency makeovers. The home improvements took place during the week of May 24 - 26.



SaskEnergy volunteers with one of the Saskatoon families participating in the HELP initiative

SaskEnergy and Habitat for Humanity are proud to partner in the SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program - where selected homeowners with an annual combined income under \$52,000 receive free energy efficiency home improvements to help them save money while helping the environment.

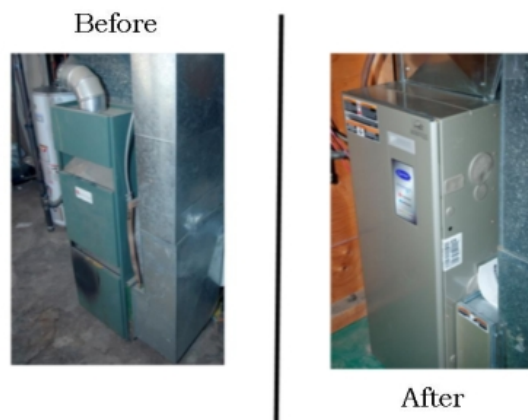
The five selected homeowners came from a wide variety of family backgrounds, personal circumstances and special housing needs. One applicant decided not to disclose any personal information but the other selected applicants fall in one of the following classifications:

- a single mother / full-time university student raising a teenager
- two senior couples, both physically disabled, who are unable to keep up with maintenance of their homes
- a family of six living in a sixty-year old house.

Each of the five homes had a structural inspection and Saskatchewan EnerGuide for Houses (SEGH) evaluation done. The SEGH evaluation provides an energy rating for the home, as well as recommendations on the retrofit that will help to reduce energy costs and improve the homes overall energy efficiency.

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A number of the HELP-related energy efficient improvements were installed by participating SaskEnergy Network members, Habitat for Humanity and SaskEnergy volunteers.



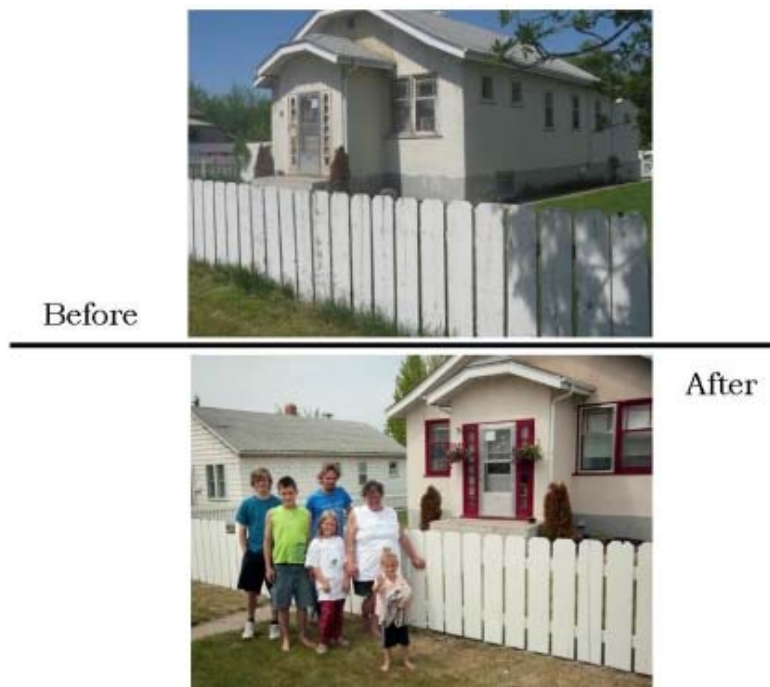
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The City of Saskatoon showed their support for the initiative by supplying brand new low-flow toilets to be added into the homes. The toilets were installed by Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon.

The selected houses also received many other home improvements such as:

- Attic insulation
- Window replacement
- Water heater replacement

Along with the energy efficiency makeover, SaskEnergy employees participated in a “Community Action Day”, which saw employees donate their time to assist in the painting of a fence and exterior window trim. One of the homeowners' yards was also spruced up with the addition of new hanging flower pots.



Thanks to the SaskEnergy HELP initiative, this family's home will now be more efficient, saving them money and reducing their environmental impact.