

## HELP-ing Out Regina!

The SaskEnergy Home Energy Legacy Program (HELP) has officially completed its pilot year! Two low-income homeowners in Regina have seen a huge improvement in their living conditions after their homes received an energy efficiency makeover. The home improvements took place during the week of May 31 to June 3, 2011.



*Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson (second from left) was at the unveiling in Regina on May 31. The installation took place at the home of Sana and Meherun Nehsa and their three children (second from right and far right). Also at the unveiling were Dennis Coutts, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Regina Inc. (far left) and Murray Lerat of All-Premium Plumbing and Heating Ltd. (centre).*

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 save money and help the environment through energy efficiency home improvements valued at up to \$15,000 each.

Nu-Trend Industries, the Carrier wholesaler in Saskatchewan, and Carrier Canada have provided top-of-the-line ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces for the project, at a substantially reduced cost. The City of Regina also joined forces with SaskEnergy by supplying low-flow toilets and showerheads. All-Premium Plumbing and Heating Ltd. will be the official installer of the new new, high energy-efficient furnaces into the homes.

Transition to Trades, Habitat for Humanity and SaskEnergy representatives volunteered at both project locations and made a huge difference for each of our homeowners.



*Transition to Trades volunteers. The North Central Community Association's Transition to Trades offers opportunities and supports to youth wishing to begin a career in trades.*



*SaskEnergy volunteers with Habitat for Humanity Regina crew supervisor.*

### Meet the Homeowners

#### **Sana Ullah and Meherun Nehsa**



*Sana Ullah, Meherun Nehsa and children.*

Sana and Meherun are the parents of three children in Regina. Their home, which they've owned for three years, is older, with an uninsulated basement and several old windows. These conditions are causing high heating bills and uncomfortable living conditions. The family received a number of energy efficient upgrades including basement framing, a vapour barrier; insulation, an ENERGY STAR® furnace and some window replacement; and other improvements such as a new low-flow toilet and showerhead, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and weather stripping.

## Bonita Young



*Bonita (middle) and Habitat for Humanity Regina representatives.*

Bonita's home was built in 1907. Although she's tried to make some improvements in the nine years she has lived there, workplace injuries and temporary financial constraints have made it difficult for her to perform regular upkeep and maintenance. Bonita received a number of energy efficient upgrades including the re-insulation of the basement walls; an ENERGY STAR® furnace and some window replacement; and other energy efficiency improvements such as new low-flow toilets and showerhead, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and weather stripping.