

Red Pheasant? How Pleasant!

On October 15th, the Red Pheasant First Nation, located south of North Battleford, hosted SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP) 2010 Project Day number six. The event marked the second and final First Nations visit for the year.



Throughout the day, a total of 29 local volunteers made their way to the Chief Glen Keskotagan Community Centre for an orientation session. They were responsible for the installation of compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs, changing furnace filters and installing electrical outlets and wall-plate insulator kits. Meanwhile, the Red Pheasant Housing Department will take care of the weather stripping and programmable thermostat duties for the homeowners.



A peek at the busy Red Pheasant HEEP Project Day.

By day's end, the dedicated volunteers made a total of 52 Red Pheasant homes more energy efficient, with the remaining 48 homeowners planning to install their own product before the winter weather arrived. As well, the SaskEnergy natural gas barbecue was once again on site and used to provide a mouth-watering lunch to volunteers and area residents. They included a contingent of schoolchildren from the Educational Centre, who joined one of our Customer Solutions Leaders for a presentation on natural gas safety earlier in the day.

Aside from the SaskEnergy road crew, five other SaskEnergy/TransGas employees from North Battleford, Unity and Regina volunteered for the day. One of them - Sandie Gregoire, a CSR from North Battleford - was on hand at Red Pheasant only two days after taking part in the Macklin Project Day. It really goes to show how our employees are engaged within their communities and surrounding areas.

"The HEEP Project Day was an excellent opportunity to interact with our customers from two local communities, the Town of Macklin and Red Pheasant First Nation," says Sandie. "The community reception was terrific, there was an awesome turn out of volunteers, and the entire event was very well-organized by both SaskEnergy and the local committees. I was part of a great team in both areas and I would like to thank SaskEnergy for the opportunity to be involved with in this very worthwhile project," she adds.



More snapshots taken through out project day.

Jason White Bear, Advisor, SaskEnergy Aboriginal Relations, attended the Red Pheasant First Nation and had this to say about his involvement: "Volunteering in the First Nation community of Red Pheasant as a part of SaskEnergy's HEEP Team was an exciting experience. It's exciting to see the community come together for a project such as this. The project's been well received by the Aboriginal communities we've visited so far. To see the bright eyes and smiling faces of the community throughout the day lets you know we're giving back to the community in a meaningful way and most importantly, it's the people of each community we visit like Red Pheasant that make this type of project such a resounding success."