

## Rotary Build Complete

**Port Colborne** – Rose and Scott Moscrip have put in their 500 hours of sweat equity; some hours spent hand-and-hand with local volunteers building their home on 21 Paul Street in Port Colborne. Along with their two daughters; Beatrice (15) and Sierra (12), and son; Bo (14), the Moscrip’s will purchase their new home built at no-profit and financed with an interest-free mortgage. Now, their journey as a family begins a new role – becoming proud new homeowners.

“It feels great. Owning our own home will help tremendously. We can plant our feet and not move around everywhere,” Rose said. “We’re overwhelmed, excited and grateful to own a home.”



Homeownership will allow the Moscrip family to build equity for the future instead of paying a disproportionate amount of their income on an unfit rental unit.



Port Colborne’s First Habitat for Humanity Home at 21 Paul Street welcomed the Moscrip family at a ceremony on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.

The family’s new abode, constructed by volunteers throughout the Niagara Region, will provide simple, decent and affordable shelter allowing the family to flourish in the community.

The Rotary Club of Port Colborne Centennial partnered with Habitat for Humanity Niagara to build the organization’s first Adopt-a-Home in Port Colborne. As part of Rotary’s commitment to servicing community initiatives, they pledged to help raise awareness and funds for this build in Port Colborne. This opportunity to provide housing through active community participation shows the value of volunteerism.

Alastair Davis, CEO Habitat for Humanity Niagara, says, “In Niagara, there are close to 5,000 families in need of affordable housing. This house is an example of how the community can make a difference.”

Habitat for Humanity makes a difference internationally and locally. Habitat has seen occasions of outrageous generosity – there have been occasions of individuals giving themselves to our builds, dedicating hours on end to making sure families have a high quality house to call their home. Moreover, Habitat has seen faith in action with the community and local churches becoming involved with Habitat for Humanity. These efforts will ensure the Moscrip family will see their lives prosper in as new homeowners.



On Wednesday, Aug. 20 the Moscrip's new home, 21 Paul Street, Port Colborne, was dedicated with a momentous key ceremony beginning.

## **You can eliminate Poverty Housing**

There are more than a billion of people all over the world that are subjected to dehumanizing conditions of poverty. The best way to get involved with the global efforts to abolish this state of poverty is by taking initiatives locally. In the Niagara Region alone, there are 68, 000 people living in poverty and there is to be an estimated 20-25% increase. One of the key areas to eliminate poverty is through building affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity Niagara.

Volunteering does many things. It increases skills, possible employment prospects and increases self-confidence. Volunteering encourages you to look the world you live in and see what you can do to help others. In doing so, you will be rewarded with friendships and perspectives that you would not have had other wise.

Habitat for Humanity Niagara knows that together we can make a difference and this is where you can help create that change in your world. Volunteering with Habitat comes in many forms and is a way of giving and receiving. You can volunteer for the build site, committee, office, ReStore, special events, media and writing newsletters.

You don't have to be talented at swinging a hammer to help build homes, hope and communities, all you need it a little time dedicated to be a part of the solution to break the cycle of poverty.