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Saginaw Habitat for Humanity gets boost from Consumers Energy

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's participation in the Great Lakes Bay Region Neighborhood Revitalization Project 2011 got a big boost with a \$5,000 gift from Consumers Energy that will be matched with equal funding from both the Dow Chemical Company and Saginaw Community Foundation toward a Critical Home Repair Project on Bay Road in the Northmoor Neighborhood.

Employees of Consumers Energy Work are performing work on the house which includes replacing the heating system with a high-efficiency furnace, installing energy-efficient windows, increasing attic insulation, a new storm door, and other smaller items that will make the home more affordable and livable.

Another gift to the Northmoor residents is distribution of hundreds of compact fluorescent light bulbs, with a projected energy savings of another \$15,000 vs. standard bulbs. In essence, the \$5,000 gift from Consumers Energy has become a \$30,000 gift to the neighborhood near their corporate location on Weiss Street in Saginaw.

"We are grateful to be a part of this opportunity to positively impact our neighbors," said Tom Begin, area manager for Consumers Energy. "We always encourage our customers to use electricity and natural gas more effectively to get the most for their money while maintaining the same comfort and performance levels. Energy is wasted every day in homes without anyone knowing it. By installing energy efficient lighting and appliances you can stop the waste and save money."

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Cameron Brady said, "We have many generous businesses, churches, and individuals in the community who are willing to serve as we are called to do. We are blessed to count Consumers Energy and their employees among this group."

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has dedicated over 400,000 houses worldwide in its 35-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity is now in its 25th year of operation. By year-end, the affiliate will have assisted over 250 families to purchase, renovate, and improve their homes. Plans call to help another 250 families in just the next five years!

Donations are tax-deductible. Skilled volunteers as well as coordinators are still needed for this year's builds. Please contact the Saginaw Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 753-5200 visit the website, www.saginawhabitat.org to volunteer, or for any questions.