



Welcome Home Sweeney Family!

March 22, 2016 – London, ON – After months of hard work by the Sweeney family and local volunteers, it's time for Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario to turn over the keys, and the community is invited to come and celebrate with the family.

Many community partners came forward to assist with this build in Ingersoll including the Ingersoll Rotary Club, County of Oxford and Westminster United Church as well as other great support from the local service clubs, faith community, community foundations, municipal government, business and industry.

Craig and Krista Sweeney are parents to three children, their daughter Justice who is 12, daughter Kaidince who is 10 and son Gryphon who is 3. Craig works hard six days a week, while Krista stays home and cares for their children two of whom have Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy. The disease is particularly affecting Justice who has breathing difficulties as well as intellectual and physical challenges.

The home the Sweeney's currently live in is an older structure with a washroom only on the second floor, making it more and more difficult to manage getting the children up and down the stairs as they get older.

Don Campbell, Chair of the Ingersoll Steering Committee said, "The support our project team has received from the volunteers, the contractors, the suppliers, the donors and the community as a whole has been overwhelming. We can't thank everyone who has contributed enough!"

The community has been touched by the commitment the Sweeney's have made to their family and to Habitat. They are active volunteers, even volunteering prior to being approved for their Habitat home. The Sweeney's cite pride as the greatest feeling they will have when they move into their new home. They know they will feel proud to have a safe, healthy, new home where they can raise their family.

“Dedication day is a special time for all of us at Habitat”, said Jeff Duncan, CEO Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario. “It is when we come together as a community to celebrate the hard work and generosity people have put into supporting the family. The volunteer leadership committee led by Don Campbell did an amazing job. Big thanks to the Town of Ingersoll, RBC, CAMI, Benedict Raithby, Tinworx, Rosco Electric, TD, Hot Cold and Freezing, Vuteq, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Oxford Community Foundation, Wine Rack, Carpenters Union Local 1946, Friendly City Roofing, the Benedict family and all the business partners, churches, community organizations and volunteers who have contributed to make this build a success. We couldn’t have done this without you! Now we can welcome the Sweeney’s home!”

The Sweeney family qualified for their Habitat home based on a need for housing, a willingness to partner by contributing 500 volunteer hours and by having the ability to repay a zero interest mortgage for their home.

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Who: Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario

What: Dedication Ceremony for the Sweeney Family

Where: 128 Bell St. Ingersoll, ON

When: March 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM – light lunch to follow at the Henderson Hall 133 John St., Ingersoll

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About Habitat for Humanity – Heartland Ontario

To mobilize volunteers and partners in providing opportunities for families to achieve affordable and sustainable homeownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty, and strengthening communities.