



## Media Release

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### *Habitat for Humanity and PRHC Team Up To Reduce Landfill Waste, Build Affordable Homes in Our Community*

Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and District (HFHPD) and the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) have partnered on salvaging e-waste and other materials that would have ended up in our local landfill from the soon-to-be-demolished Nichols building.

For the last few weeks, the Habitat for Humanity volunteer salvage team was busy salvaging e-waste such as older or non-working TVs, monitors, and stereos, as well as older model office equipment including older wooden cabinets, shelving and desks from the PRHC Nichols Building. Other than the e-waste, all other material will be sold in HFHPD's local ReStore located on 780 Erskine Ave.

"This partnership is a win on all fronts," says Sarah Tate, HFHPD Executive Director. "It's a win for the environment, a win for both organizations and, most importantly a win for local families in need of affordable, simple, decent homes."

Located on hospital property, the Nichols Building is now vacant with demolition scheduled to begin in the next few months, says Jonathan Bennett, PRHC's Director, Communications and Corporate Planning. "We are please to partner with Habitat to ensure everything that can be saved or sold, will be."

#### **Habitat for Humanity's E-Waste Program: collecting unwanted "dead or alive" electronics**

HFHPD has recently launched their E-Waste program which includes collecting unwanted "dead or alive" electronics. The organization receives funds for selling the refurbished or recycled electronics. Rob Hagerman, ReStore Manager says "If it has a power cord or runs on batteries, we will take it," and adds that donations of dead or alive E-Waste are accepted at the ReStore on Mondays from 9:00am - 5:00pm and on Saturdays from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Building on their 3-homes built success last year, 2011 is planning to be an even more productive year for HFHPD. Five Habitat homes will be built in our local area, including four in Peterborough and one in Norwood. 2011 will mark the organization's first ever Women Build project that will begin in May.

To learn more about the E-Waste program call the ReStore at 705-742.872 or the upcoming 2011 Habitat for Humanity builds call the HFHPD office 705.750.1456.

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