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DSBN students and Habitat give a Niagara family in need a hand up

District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) technology students completed construction of a single-family dwelling for Habitat for Humanity Niagara at 15 Michigan St. in Welland (Dain City). The hard work of many students, from 12 DSBN schools, concludes Thursday June 8 at 11 am with a dedication ceremony hosted by DSBN and Habitat for Humanity Niagara. The home is now ready to be sold to the deserving Corriveau family providing simple, decent, affordable shelter to the family in need.

"The partnership with the DSBN has been a wonderful opportunity for students to understand the value of contributing to community well-being," commented Dan Oettinger, Board Chair, HFHN. He added, "The DSBN and its technology teachers and students have assisted us with our mandate to eliminate poverty housing in Niagara. At the same time, HFHN, has assisted the DSBN with their mandate to educate Niagara's youth. This is a successful partnership that Habitat would like to see continue for many years to come."

"This is a valuable learning experience for our students," said Kevin Maves, Chair of the District School Board of Niagara. "Every day the curriculum was brought to life for students on the construction site and they learned while giving to their community."

Habitat for Humanity Niagara continuously seeks strategic partnerships with various organizations within the Niagara Region. The hours of enthusiasm from DSBN technology teachers and students is an example of how members of the community can work together to make Niagara a better place to live. The DSBN, along with Habitat, provide another family in Niagara with a hand up, not a hand-out, addressing the regions housing needs.

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