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**Building Partnerships = Building Progress**

**Thunder Bay, ON. (Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008)** - Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay and Northern Credit Union today celebrated a successful partnership by breaking ground at the site of the not-for-profit's 18<sup>th</sup> local home build. Northern Credit Union committed to a fundraising goal of \$50,000 back in 2004 and having successfully achieved their goal the financial institution is on board for the first home build of 2009.

Mary Thillman, Northern Credit Union's Area Director for the Western Region says, "Northern Credit Union is very proud to support Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay. It is exciting to see our fundraising efforts culminate with the beginning of construction on a new home in the community for a deserving family." Thillman continues to say..."This project would not have been possible without the staff, delegates and members at our branches in Thunder Bay and Red Rock who worked together over the past 5 years to raise \$50,000 for this home to be built. Also of note, the latest fundraising effort of a Northern cookbook involved the help of staff from all of our Northern communities from Arnprior to Thunder Bay – a real team effort for a good cause."

Diane Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay commented that "Meaningful partnerships are the foundation of community growth. Northern Credit Union's efforts over the past five years benchmark them as dedicated community supporters and we're honoured by their decision to support Habitat Thunder Bay with this initiative."

The new house build is scheduled to start in Spring 2009 with a completion date set for Summer 2009.

For more information on how to donate or volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay please visit [www.habitattbay.com](http://www.habitattbay.com).