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PRESS RELEASE

Habitat for Humanity York County receives \$5,000 donation from the Hudson Foundation

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Habitat for Humanity of York County has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Hudson Foundation for their county-wide weatherization program, Keep York County Warm! The Hudson Foundation is a family foundation supporting nonprofits in New England to strengthen communities.

Keep York County Warm!, Habitat for Humanity's county-wide weatherization program, provides year round weatherization services for up to 40 low-income homeowners each year at no cost to the homeowner. The weatherization program leverages Efficiency Maine rebates to provide homeowners with professional air sealing and insulation. Keep York County Warm! provides LED bulbs, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and low flow devices. Volunteers also build and install an average of six interior storm window inserts for each home, saving \$16 in energy costs per window each year.

The weatherization program assists many households to make it through the cold weather season – and the years ahead – by adding interior storm windows, sealing cracks and making other improvements that reduce heat loss and save money on energy bills. Since 2014, the program weatherized homes in 27 of the 29 York County communities.

"The Hudson Foundation grant funding will leverage the opportunities Keep York County Warm! offers to improve energy efficiency and directly make a positive impact on low-income families and seniors in York County by reducing their heating and cooling costs, and improving health and safety issues." said Amy Nucci, Habitat for Humanity of York County's Executive Director. "We continue to look for better ways to assist residents in York County who struggle with high heating bills and unhealthy homes."

Habitat has many opportunities to volunteer on weatherization projects with Keep York County Warm!, on the Kirk Street Build in Springvale, at the ReStore, on a salvage, in the office or with special events. Anyone interested in participating or donating to the local Habitat is encouraged to call the office at 985-4850 or visit the website at www.habitatyorkcounty.org.