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Mayor Sharon Shepherd and Council Members
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Dear Mayor Shepherd and Council Members:

A large and growing group of trades and contractors here in Kelowna have undertaken a project that we think you will find interesting. We would like to inform you about the project and invite the City's participation.

This past May 13 Borebank Ventures invited 35 companies to a breakfast meeting here in Kelowna to hear about a local family's situation. We have known this family for many years. They have 9 children: some who are adopted or fostered, and many who have special needs. The parents have demonstrated their enormous love for these children over many years and have done so from a rather modest home.

The parents approached our company about performing some renovation in terms of creating a family room - some additional space where the whole family could meet together. Their current small home is dedicated to bedrooms and bunks, so much so that their "normal" living room is a bedroom for three children.

It became apparent that a small renovation to their home was an "okay" solution for their family's space needs but a major renovation or new home would be a much better solution. So we approached 35 companies at our breakfast meeting and asked them to consider donating their materials or services toward a new home for this family. We were overwhelmed with the level of support that the Kelowna business community provided. Consequently we met with the parents and happily advised them that a very large group of Kelowna businesses are rallying around this effort to see their current home demolished and build a brand new one for them! It would be fair to say their response was beyond grateful.

And so we have begun. It is something like a local extreme home makeover, for those who are familiar with the ABC network show. In this case we have entitled it "**Project Family Room**" and we invite you to read more about it at www.projectfamilyroom.org.

We have the bulk of the components of the new home spoken for, in terms of donation by trades, and, in some cases, we have already declined duplicate offerings. We have a few items still outstanding, as you can discern from the web site. Our effort is focused on completing demolition early in September and moving this family into their new home before Christmas.

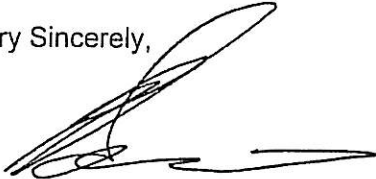
We are proud of the many businesses and individuals who have already committed to the project. It speaks so well of the generous people of Kelowna. The list of contributors continues to grow; a list of the companies already involved is shown below.

We are hoping that the City of Kelowna may also want to provide some measure of support. Perhaps the City could assist by waiving the building permit fee and/or demolition tipping fee? We think the City's participation would help encourage others to be involved as well. Please be assured that no company or individual is profiting from this project.

We invite your questions and also encourage you to speak to any other company shown below to hear of their support. It's a great project which demonstrates how the Kelowna community really does care about people in the community.

Call us anytime!

Very Sincerely,



Paul Benson, Project Manager
Project Family Room



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 Central City Hardware
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 A house that is bursting at the seams
 A fantastic opportunity to give



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