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ST. CROIX VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND COMMUNITY LIBRARIES PAIR UP TO CONNECT KIDS TO THE IDEA OF BUILDING

Coloring Contest Offers Kids Summer Fun and Chances to Win Supplies

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 –(Hammond, WI) St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity has teamed up with Ellsworth Public Library, Elmwood Public Library, Glenwood City Public Library, Hammond Community Library, Plum City Public Library, Prescott Public Library, River Falls Public Library, Somerset Public Library and Spring Valley Public Library to help kids sharpen their creative genius and get coloring during the second half of summer.

Free coloring sheets are being offered for kids Pre-K through 6th grade, by age group, and families can pick them up curbside at their local library or download one online at <u>https://scvhabitat.org/news-and-events</u>. The coloring sheets are part of a summer coloring contest designed to share the ideas of housing and community. One entry will be selected from each category at each library for a Building Better gift bag! And one grand prize Back-to-School backpack will be awarded to each age group collectively.

"Mid-summer, especially during this pandemic, means kids and families in our communities are beginning to feel like they need something different to keep busy," said SCV Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Kristie Smith. "We know that safe shelter is a building block to success for families. Sharing something as simple as a coloring activity gives kids a chance to connect their awareness of family and their relationship to the world around them."

Entries will be received through August 31 and selected entries could become part of the thank you and note cards the organization will use in communications throughout St. Croix and Pierce Counties. Finished work should be labeled with a name, contact information and participating library and can be emailed to <u>community.outreach@scvhabitat.org</u> or mailed to SCV Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 70, Hammond, Wisconsin 54015.

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About St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity helps families with safe, affordable housing. In 1996, community members in River Falls, WI and surrounding communities recognized the critical need to bring people together to build housing, communities and hope and founded the local, nonprofit Habitat affiliate. In its tenure, SCV Habitat for Humanity has partnered with more than 70 families in Pierce and St, Croix Counties to help achieve the goal of home ownership. Visit <u>scvhabitat.org</u> for homeowner and volunteer information and to support our mission.

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