



Media Release

Horizon Utilities donates energy conservation kits to help clients of food banks in Hamilton and St. Catharines lower their energy bills

(Hamilton/St. Catharines, ON) April 3, 2007 – As Easter approaches, Horizon Utilities has provided some “tools” to help clients of Good Shepherd Centres in Hamilton and Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold lower their hydro bills.

With the help of powerWISE the “Easter Owl”, Horizon Utilities today donated 100 energy saving conservation packages to representatives of Good Shepherd Centres in Hamilton and 100 packages to representatives of Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold. The packages will be distributed to food bank clients.

The conservation packages include four compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL), an energy efficient night light, and an energy conservation handbook.

“Obviously, people who must use a food bank are struggling to make ends meet and any way they can lower their living expenses is important. If paying a hydro bill is one of the expenses they must deal with, our goal is to show them how they can conserve energy and lower their costs,” said Eileen Campbell, Vice-President, Customer Services for Horizon Utilities Corporation.

“By using the conservation tips included in our energy conservation handbook and by installing compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), the savings are significant. Just as one example, if food bank clients who receive the package install the four CFLs in areas where lights are used most often, they can save \$50 on their electricity bill over the course of the next year,” added Campbell.

The donation of the energy conservation kits today to the Good Shepherd Centres in Hamilton and Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold coincides with the release of a report by six of Ontario’s largest electricity distributors, which includes Horizon Utilities, about the success of their energy conservation efforts in 2006.

According to the report, titled **“Shifting into Future Gear: Progress Report 2006”**, the 1.7 million customers located in the service territories of the Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD) in Southern and Eastern Ontario saved 302.5 million kilowatt-hours in 2006 – enough to power 33,611 homes for one year.

For its part, Horizon Utilities' energy conservation programs achieved savings of more than 29 million kWh last year, enough electricity to power more than 3,300 homes. A copy of the report can be downloaded at www.horizonutilities.com.

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About Horizon Utilities Corporation

Horizon Utilities Corporation is owned by Hamilton Utilities Corporation and St. Catharines Hydro Inc. and operates out of facilities in Hamilton, St. Catharines and Stoney Creek. Horizon's 360 employees are committed to delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, providing unparalleled customer value, and helping to create a culture of energy conservation in Ontario.

Horizon Utilities Corporation is proud to be a founding member of powerWISE®, a brand created to promote energy conservation and reduce the demand for electricity in Ontario. powerWISE® is a joint initiative of the Ontario government and six of Ontario's largest electricity distribution companies. For more information, visit: www.horizonutilities.com and www.powerwise.ca.

About Good Shepherd Centres

Good Shepherd Centres is a charity located in Hamilton, Ontario whose mission is to serve the poor, vulnerable and less fortunate among us. The Good Shepherd Centres strive to provide a continuum of supports to all in need ranging from emergency food and shelter through referral and counselling services to palliative care. Good Shepherd Centres is administered by the Congregation of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, which was founded in 1951 in Albuquerque, New Mexico by Brother Mathias Barrett.

About Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold

A non-denominational organization with a mandate to meet needs, provide bridges and create opportunity, we have an established client base that is composed of people from every walk of life. Community Care provides a bridge between dependency and self-sufficiency through programs that create a positive environment for people to support themselves and their families with dignity and purpose.

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