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### **Blue Water Habitat and Chase Celebrate Home Dedication in Port Huron**

**Port Huron, MI**—On April 5, Blue Water Habitat is hosting a Home Dedication at 2528 Maple St in Port Huron at 11am. Brenda Philopulos will be the 95<sup>th</sup> homeowner to go through the partnership program with Blue Water Habitat.

Brenda is a single mom, and a cancer survivor. She was referred to Blue Water Habitat by Community Action Agency where she had been working with their credit counseling team to learn about making good credit choices. All homeowners are required to do “sweat equity”, which involves over 300 hours of volunteer work with Blue Water Habitat. Brenda has been volunteering in the office and the ReStore as well as providing assistance on the jobsite to accrue her hours, and has been a valuable resource to Blue Water Habitat operations while her house was being completed.

This 2 bedroom home was donated by Chase as a rehab property for Blue Water Habitat. Before the work started, unsafe trees needed to be removed and trimmed. In order to open the floor plan and update the house, Blue Water Habitat moved walls and repositioned the kitchen. The small space is now much more comfortable and efficient to use. Other highlights of the rehabilitation include new windows, new flooring, replacing the deck and removing an unsafe porch.

During the build, Blue Water Habitat received support and volunteers from our local Chase branches. Their team installed windows, doors, and made other repairs and updates to the home. Much of the funding for the home materials and build effort was provided by a generous grant from the Stebbins Family Foundation, and many of the appliances and fixtures were donated as gifts-in-kind from vendors. This house is an excellent example of an entire community coming together to create a home.

“Chase is firmly committed to helping families pursue affordable homeownership through our home donation program,” said Ronald Branch, Vice President of Community Reinvestment & Community Partnerships for Chase. “We are pleased to partner with Blue Water Habitat, who share our commitment to revitalize neighborhoods and help low-to-moderate income families achieve affordable and sustainable homeownership.”

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