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Blue Water Habitat and Port Huron Hospital team up on deconstruction

Port Huron, MI—Blue Water Habitat and Port Huron Hospital are teaming up to salvage items of historic value from a residential property at 904 Lincoln Avenue. The vacant house, owned by Port Huron Hospital since 2012, is scheduled for demolition in April.

The home, built in 1892, has many reusable antique and historic elements, such as lighting fixtures, beveled and stained glass and woodwork materials. Blue Water Habitat will be removing all viable materials from the home on March 21 before demolition occurs. During the Blue Water Habitat deconstruction, the volunteer crew will remove any reusable or recyclable items and sell them, either at the Blue Water Habitat ReStore or direct to individuals.

“Though the house is in a state of complete disrepair and uninhabitable, it has many antique and historic elements that are salvageable,” says Dave McEwen, VP of operations for Port Huron Hospital. “It’s an opportunity for Port Huron Hospital to partner with an organization that can preserve these materials and put them to good use.”

Blue Water Habitat also salvages scrap from deconstruction projects to sell and recycle, creating an environmentally positive alternative to conventional demolitions. The proceeds raised through sales of salvaged materials help Blue Water Habitat fund the construction and rehabilitation of houses in partnership with local families in need.

“We are excited to partner with Port Huron Hospital on this project. Their intent to salvage and preserve materials on a property that is deemed unfit for occupancy is a commendable community-minded decision that will benefit others in our area,” says Ernest Werth, executive director for Blue Water Habitat.

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*Members of the media are invited to the home on Friday, March 21 for photos / interviews while Habitat for Humanity volunteers deconstruct items of historic value. Please schedule a time with Amanda Marcotte, whose contact information is listed above.