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Grey County Warden and Council  
County of Grey  
595 9th Ave East  
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Dear Grey County Warden and Council:

We are writing to congratulate you on your election to council. We at Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce commend you on your dedication to public service, your drive and perseverance to make Grey County a better place for everyone.

As you are aware, the election brought attention to the growing need for affordable housing in our community and is a concern for many residents. We want to encourage you to make this issue a top priority; to do all that you can to alleviate this need over the next 4 years.

We at Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce are committed to helping families who are struggling to find a safe and decent place to live that they can afford. We are making plans to expand our operations so we can serve more families, seniors, persons with disabilities and Indigenous peoples. As a non-profit affordable housing provider, we work with elected representatives, business leaders and community partners to bridge the gap between social/rental housing and market homeownership. The Habitat model, building decent and energy-efficient homes for purchase through a no down payment, no interest mortgage with mortgage payments geared to their income, helps families build strength, stability and independence. Homeownership is not for everybody, but by helping more low-income families through affordable homeownership, Habitat for Humanity helps build a sense of community and frees up needed subsidized housing or rental units for others in need. In the Habitat for Humanity funding model, mortgage payments are used to build more homes in the community. This means that dollars invested in Habitat go further compared to other forms of housing assistance.

Again, housing affordability is on the minds of many residents. We look forward to discussing with you ways we can partner together to build more affordable homes in Grey County.

We wish the very best in your service to our community over the coming term of office.

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Deborah Haswell  
Chair, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Fryer".

Greg Fryer  
Executive Director

We build *strength, stability* and *independence* through *affordable homeownership*.