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## **Saf-T-Gard Donates Thousands in Personal Protective Equipment to Local Habitat for Humanity Home Construction Program and ReStore**

*Build projects and nonprofit home improvement stores help families in need find a place to call home*

May 7, 2018 – NORTHBROOK, IL – Saf-T-Gard International, Inc., a full-line, quality-oriented global industrial safety solutions supplier, is helping families realize the dream of owning a home by recently donating several thousand dollars' worth in safety products to the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley and its Elgin ReStore. Habitat Construction Managers and homeowners alike can rest assured in knowing that their sweat equity is protected and that the costs to ensure that the Habitat fulfills its mission with excellence are covered.

Every day, more and more families find themselves in a struggle to keep a decent roof over their heads. Caught in the punishing cycles of unpredictable rent increases, overcrowded conditions, or lack of access to land and affordable financing, these families live with a constant burden of uncertainty, stress and fear. Habitat for Humanity knows that safe, decent and affordable shelter plays an absolutely critical role in helping families create a new cycle. That's why Habitat for Humanity partners with people in local communities and all over the world to help them build or improve a place to call home. It is through donations such as this one from Saf-T-Gard that give families hope and peace of mind by empowering the Habitat for Humanity to continue their work in nearly 1,400 communities across the United States and approximately 70 countries around the world.

Habitat ReStores are unique home improvement stores that accept small and large donations of new or gently-used furniture, appliances, housewares, building materials and more. The items that they sell are available to the public at a fraction of the price. However, Habitat ReStores are more than just resell stores. The purpose of Habitat ReStores is to contribute to the work of Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat ReStores assist in funding Habitat for Humanity's mission to end substandard housing by building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Moreover, by accepting hard-to-dispose of items, Habitat ReStores have successfully diverted more than 10,000 tons of materials from landfills. Since opening in 2006, the Habitat for Humanity Elgin ReStore has raised enough funds to construct 68 homes.

“Safety and shelter are basic human needs, so we are very excited to contribute to an organization such as Habitat for Humanity that can help fulfill both,” said Richard Rivkin, President and CEO, Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. “Saf-T-Gard has been bringing workers home safely since 1936 with our comprehensive selection of superior safety products, and as a family-owned and family-operated company, we are proud to now also enable families to have a place to come home to safely.”

#### **About Saf-T-Gard International, Inc.**

Located in Northbrook, Illinois, Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. is a privately-held family-owned and operated global supplier of industrial safety products. Founded in 1936 as Latex Glove Company, Saf-T-Gard quickly evolved into a predominant manufacturer, distributor, importer and exporter of personal protective equipment, environmental safety, facility safety, first aid, public safety and electrical safety. Today, Saf-T-Gard carries on the tradition that was started more than 82 years ago: bringing customers the products, training and service they need to keep employees safe in the workplace. Saf-T-Gard is an active member of the National Safety Council (NSC) and the Safety Marketing Group (SMG), as well as the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) and the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) committees responsible for the development of industry standards for protective equipment. Saf-T-Gard provides thousands of solutions from recognized brand names in addition to its renowned line of proprietary brands. Saf-T-Gard actively operates the Voltgard Test Lab, one of the largest, independent, NAIL4PET-accredited test labs for rubber insulating products in the United States. To learn more, please visit [www.saftgard.com](http://www.saftgard.com) or call 1-800-548-GARD (4273).

#### **About Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley**

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity's work is accomplished at the community level by affiliates – independent, locally run, nonprofit organizations. Each affiliate coordinates all aspects of Habitat's home building in its local area – fundraising, site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction and mortgage servicing. Founded in 1990, the Northern Fox Valley affiliate and Elgin ReStore work in Chicagoland's northwest suburban area and has completed more than 120 homes to date.

#### **About Habitat for Humanity International**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 in Americus Georgia, by Millard and Linda Fuller. Habitat International works globally in nearly 1,400 communities in over 70 countries worldwide empowering people through shelter.

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Tom Clausen Habitat for Humanity Construction Manager receiving SafT-Gard donations.



Donation goods being prepared on skid.



Donation goods being packed.



Donation goods being placed on truck for delivery to Habitat for Humanity.