

Community comes to aid of disabled Corunna resident

In a time when greed and apathy too often conceal the goodness in the world, an abundant generosity of spirit within the community is illuminating the life of a 43-year-old Corunna man.

Jamie Stewart was a boilermaker until the age of 26, when a diving accident snapped his neck and left him a quadriplegic. Existing on only a small pension, he does not qualify for government programs that would help him maintain his home. He has been living alone in a small wartime house that is fast becoming uninhabitable. After inspecting the extensive damage that is all too evident in the house, Peter Bakker of Bakker Design and Build of Watford, found that it would be less expensive to build a new house than to carry out the \$90,000 worth of repairs to the old one. He set about designing a new barrier free 960 square foot home and said he would donate his expertise and labour.

Since then, he has been urging tradespeople to chip in to build the new house and Mr. Stewart's sister, Terri, has begun fundraising, setting up a crowdfunding website and undertaking a wine and beer bottle drive. A commit-tee has also been formed to oversee the project.

A community fundraiser is planned for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447 Corunna on Saturday, June 4. The event will include live entertainment, a silent auction, and raffles. Donations can also be made online through: www.gofundme.com *Raise the Roof for Stewy*, or by emailing: terrinely70@gmail.com Information can be obtained at peter@built.by