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**Painters Plus Home Decorating, Inc.
Selects North Tonawanda Resident for
6th Annual Project H.O.P.E.**

NORTH TONAWANDA—North Tonawanda Mayor Arthur G. Pappas announced that Jesse Gooch, proprietor of Painters Plus, has selected the winner of the 6th Annual Project H.O.P.E contest. Thomas and Estelle Stobnicki of 171 Lindsay Place were selected from the many entries submitted for the paint makeover.

The contest's selection criteria for a person or family in need typically is centered on those who are disabled, elderly, those suffering financial hardships and disabled veterans as well. "There were several good entries submitted for the contest and it was challenging to make the final decision," said Gooch. "I believe this couple has had some hardship in life and I thought they could use a helping hand. This is what we are about."

The Stobnickis are in their 70's and with Thomas suffering debilitating complications from a stroke 4 years ago, house maintenance has been very difficult for both to perform. With the house last painted in 2000, it is now in serious need with Project HOPE ready to help.

Project HOPE, which stands for "Helping Others Paint Exteriors, was initiated by Mr. Gooch in 2011 and was set up to help people in just these types of situations. The Stobnickis will have their home pressure washed, primed and painted by the Painters Plus crew and their volunteers. Mayor Pappas, along with other city officials will assist with the project. The painting event will take place at 9AM on Saturday, August 6th with additional volunteers always welcome.

"This is a great project that helps not only the homeowner, but the entire neighborhood. I want to commend Jesse Gooch and his team from Painters Plus for his volunteer efforts in giving back to our City," stated Mayor Pappas.

The paint for Project HOPE will be provided by Sherwin Williams, located on Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda. In addition, Submasters will be donating the food and beverage for the volunteers helping with this event.

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