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| Apple Valley, Minn., USA Feb. 2, 2026  **GF Creates Safer Homes with Uponor Radiant Heating for First Nations Communities in Canada**  Through the GF Water Foundation, several First Nations homes in Saskatchewan have improved air quality and living conditions thanks to Uponor radiant heating. Known as the Blanket of Warmth project, GF created a solution that integrates Uponor radiant systems with the homes’ existing furnaces to remove cold dampness that allowed mold spores to grow.  The first Blanket of Warmth project was completed in 2018 with just two homes. Now, with the grant from the GF Water Foundation via the OneGF Impact Fund, more than a dozen First Nation homes have the Uponor radiant system. The community partners for the project include: Cree Nation, Pasqua Cree Nation, Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation, and Standing Buffalo Cree Nation.  Unstable temperatures and high moisture in the homes’ basements led to the growth of black mold, posing a serious threat to long-term health. ​The Uponor system, which includes Uponor helioPEX™ pipe and Fast Trak™ radiant mats, helps to stabilize temperatures, mitigating the mold problem and eliminating long-term health risks for residents. The system also reduces homeowners’ energy bills and removes potential fire hazards from previously needed electric heaters.  “In the previous conditions, our basement was far too cold to occupy comfortably,“ says Fred Starblanket of Star Blanket Cree Nation. “Not only has that problem been solved but we also gained peace of mind that we are living in a safer and healthier environment. This project represents healing and providing a good life for our people.”  “I was beyond thrilled to receive this grant from the OneGF Impact Fund to not only expand our work across four reservations but also to raise awareness of this critical issue,” says Nicole Miller, Canada Sales Manager at GF Building Flow Solutions Americas. “Seeing how Uponor product is directly improving people’s lives is a highlight of my career.”  The OneGF Impact Fund, managed by the GF Water Foundation, supports select projects throughout the year that leave a positive footprint and empower employees to bring their own social impact projects to life. Through Nicole’s nomination for the Blanket of Warmth project, these communities can now enjoy warm, safe, and comfortable homes.  To learn more about the Blanket of Warmth project, watch this [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUNcj5WBHiU). To learn more about GF and Uponor products, systems, and services, visit [uponor.com](https://www.uponor.com/en-us).  **Media contact** Courtney Hieb Corporate Communications Manager GF Building Flow Solutions Americas **T** 612 816 0592 **E** [courtney.hieb@georgfischer.com](mailto:courtney.hieb@georgfischer.com)  **Agency contact** John O’Reilly GreenHouse Digital + PR **T** 708 428 6385 **E** [john@greenhousedigitalpr.com](mailto:john@greenhousedigitalpr.com)  **Corporate Profile**  With a rich history in industrial innovation since 1802, GF is actively reshaping itself to become the global leader in Flow Solutions for Buildings, Industry and Infrastructure. GF delivers Excellence in Flow through essential products and solutions that enable the safe and sustainable transport of fluids worldwide. As part of its strategic transformation, GF divested GF Machining Solutions on 30 June 2025 and has signed an agreement to divest its GF Casting Solutions division. Headquartered in Switzerland, GF employs about 15’700 professionals and is present in 46 countries. GF generated sales of CHF 4’776 million in 2024. GF is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.  #ExcellenceInFlow  [www.georgfischer.com](http://www.georgfischer.com)  [www.uponor.com](http://www.uponor.com)  You can register for our subscription service for journalists at [www.georgfischer.com/aboservice](https://www.georgfischer.com/en/newsroom/media-release-subscription.html). You will automatically receive our current media releases.  A sign in front of a house  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |