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Keys to new Habitat for Humanity homes presented to deserving Sherwood Park families

Sherwood Park, AB—The crowd applauded as the doors to a new Habitat for Humanity duplex swung open to welcome two Sherwood Park families home. Habitat for Humanity Edmonton (HfH-E) staff, volunteers, donors and community members celebrated alongside the families as they received keys to their new homes on Charlotte Close.

Also among those present to welcome the families were the Honourable Iris Evans Minister of Finance and Enterprise and MLA for Sherwood Park, and Her Worship, Mayor Cathy Olesen. The Sherwood Park duplex is the first Habitat build in Strathcona County.

Two daughters of one of the partner families performed a duet that reflected the spirit of neighbour helping neighbour and what happens when community bands together. The families were excited to move into a home ownership opportunity, and it will give them brighter futures.

“Owning one’s own home is a strong source of independence and fulfillment,” said Minister Iris Evans. “Habitat for Humanity’s efforts put words into actions and families into homes. The result truly highlights the value of community, compassion and contribution.”

"Congratulations to Habitat for Humanity and all the volunteers and organizations who came together in support of this project," says Mayor Cathy Olesen. "On behalf of our community, I want to extend a warm welcome and best wishes to the families who are making their homes here."

The Sherwood Park blitz build would not have happened without the generous support of donors. The Knights of Columbus Council 8325 led the sponsors with a one home sponsorship. Dan McDonough of the Knights of Columbus Council 8325 was on hand to present the key to a deserving family. Doug Hansen, President of Filmore Construction, and Sig Jorstad, representing the Sherwood Park Rotary and Centennial Rotary clubs, joined together to present a key to the second Habitat partner family.

“Completing this duplex in Sherwood Park has been a great achievement,” said Alfred Nikolai, President and CEO of HfH-E. “The citizens of Sherwood Park banded together to bring affordable home ownership to two deserving families. In my mind you can’t ask for a better picture of community than caring citizens pounding nails, carrying drywall and painting for their neighbours. That’s what community is all about.”

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