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Habitat for Humanity makes history by presenting keys to two deserving families.

Whitecourt, AB—At 1:00 PM on November 28, 2009, a crowd gathered around a duplex on Wellwood Drive. The excitement warmed Habitat supporters, volunteers and families as they prepared to present keys to the first ever Habitat homes in Whitecourt, AB.

“Whitecourt is proud to be involved with a project of this magnitude and with Habitat for Humanity,” said Whitecourt Mayor Trevor Thain, “I’m overwhelmed by the community involvement and assistance that have been volunteered to this project and the families. This is a true testament to how committed Whitecourt residents are to their community and each other.”

The community of Whitecourt was thoroughly excited by the chance to participate in the project. “We’ve been very excited for this dedication ceremony. Watching the families accept the keys to their homes has been exciting,” says Dwayne Dibben, Project leader for the Whitecourt build. “Over a hundred volunteers and many sponsors from Whitecourt have contributed to this build’s success. The ability to impact a family at this level is awesome. We live in a well-resourced society where we can accomplish so much. It’s a privilege to use what we have to benefit others.”

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton (HfH-E) is proud of Whitecourt’s determination and the amount of sweat that volunteers and community partners have put into this build. “I’m thrilled with how the community of Whitecourt has embraced this project,” said Alfred Nikolai, President and CEO of HfH-E, “The community’s willingness to embrace the spirit of neighbour helping neighbour is truly outstanding!”

The duplex will be home to two deserving Whitecourt families who are completing their 500 hours of “sweat equity” by building their homes and serving their community.

About HfH-E and Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Whitecourt

Our mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Sponsors for Whitecourt Builds

The major sponsors to date include: Home Hardware, EMCO, RD Contracting Ltd., Elite Construction, King Controls, Garrett Builders, and BP Canada.

To volunteer for future builds or make donations towards future builds, please call 780.760.6876. For more information about Habitat for Humanity visit www.hfh.org.

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