



All eyes on Edmonton

Former president and first lady to partner with Edmontonians to build affordable homes for local families.

On October 3rd, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton (HFHE) announced the exciting news that Habitat for Humanity International is bringing the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project to Canada for July 9th -14th. The project will take place during Canada's 150th anniversary and will result in 150 homes built across the country. On a local level, 58 homes will be located in Edmonton's Laurel community, 16 in Fort Saskatchewan and one home location is to be determined. Twenty-five homes will be built in Manitoba with the remaining 50 spread out across Canada.

The Carter Work Project announcement was made at City Hall in front of many Habitat supporters. Habitat was joined by Premier Rachel Notley, Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson and Fort Saskatchewan Mayor Gale Katchur. HFHE President & CEO, Alfred Nikolai, presented a special hammer to each of the three community leaders to commemorate the special occasion for Albertans and residents of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan.

Oryssia Lennie, Chair of HFHE's Board of Directors, shared that the name of the Edmonton development in Laurel will be Carter Place. The 2017 Carter Work Project will be the 34th Work Project for the Carters. International volunteers will join local volunteers to construct the homes in Edmonton and in Fort Saskatchewan.

The greatest part of the project is that 150 families across the country will receive a "hand up," said Nikolai. "What a phenomenal opportunity!"



(l-r) Alfred Nikolai, CEO, Habitat Edmonton; Jesse, Partner Family Child; Mayor Gale Katchur (Fort Saskatchewan); Mayor Don Iveson (Edmonton); Premier Rachel Notley (Government of Alberta); Oryssia Lennie, Board Chair, Habitat Edmonton.



Former US President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter agreed to allow Habitat Edmonton to name the build in their honour. The build at 2215 - 24 Street will be known as Carter Place.

A Word from our CEO

It is an exciting time to be part of the Habitat for Humanity Edmonton team.

Habitat Edmonton is proud to have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to highlight our affiliate, our donors, and our volunteers as Edmonton becomes the centre of attention during the 2017 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Not only will this project showcase the great work our affiliate is doing, but the Carter Work Project will also shine a spotlight on the capital region - our communities and our people. Our communities will also be highlighted on a national stage as the Carter Work Project takes place during Canada's 150th anniversary celebration.

With all of the excitement on the horizon and with all the preparation that needs to be done, it is easy to overlook how far we've come over the past year. When we decided to take on what became known as the largest Habitat build in Canadian history, we knew that it would stretch and challenge our staff and volunteers. We are so excited to announce that this December Neufeld Landing will be completed and 64 families will have a stable foundation for the future. All of our volunteers and supporters should be very proud of this development. Not only have we helped 64 families, but each year Habitat will receive approximately \$500,000 from partner family mortgage payments paid into the Fund for Humanity - just from Neufeld Landing alone. These funds will be used to build more homes to help more families. Way to go!

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When I have the opportunity to speak to others about our volunteers, I always have a smile on my face. I can't help it! The stories I hear, the volunteers I meet, and those I work alongside are truly inspirational! The joy that our volunteers bring to our partner families and staff is unparalleled. Whenever I speak with families who are working on their sweat equity hours or who have just finished delivering a speech at an event, I always hear about how moved they are by our volunteers' dedication. If you are a volunteer, please know that our families and staff are truly moved by your compassion for others.

This December Habitat Edmonton will reach a milestone of 500 families served. Numbers are not everything, but they do demonstrate the success of our sustainable, affordable home ownership program. It has been beautiful to witness an increasing number of families achieve financial stability, to hear about children who are no longer anxious about the possibility of another relocation, and to hear from single mothers who are empowered to gain control of their families' futures and provide a strong legacy for their children.

We will finish 2016 in the true spirit of Habitat: neighbour helping neighbour. We invite you to continue with us on the journey as we lay the foundation for all the excitement that lies ahead!

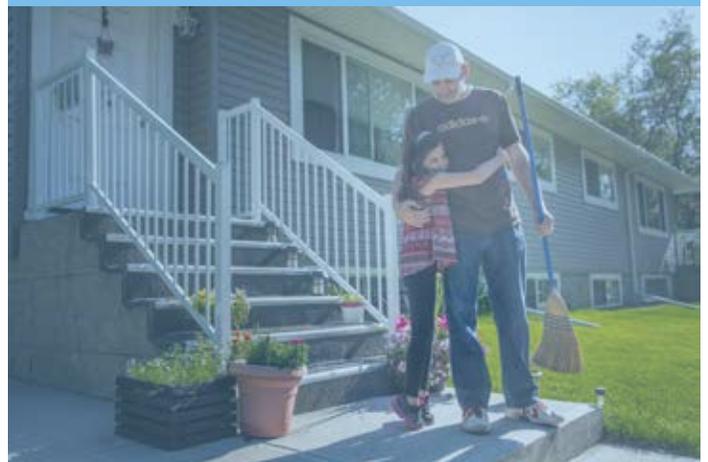
Thanks for all you do!



Alfred Nikolai
President & CEO
Habitat for Humanity Edmonton



**Consider a gift to the Carter Work Project!
Leave a legacy for Canada's 150th Anniversary
and help hard-working families find the
stability of owning a home.**



Women Power

One-hundred women raised over \$144,000 and each spent a day building homes in Habitat's Prefab Shop.

It was a week of Women Power! Over 100 women used nail guns, saws, hammers and their muscles to prepare walls and other prefabricated items for the upcoming Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Not only did each of these women volunteer a day of their time, but together they raised \$144,000 for Habitat! Each day from October 24th - 28th women received tool training, learned about the Habitat program, heard from a partner family mother, and confidently constructed walls and more for Carter Place. What a contribution by these amazing ladies!



These ladies kicked off the Women Build on Monday. The groups were led by Susan Green, HFH Canada Board Member, and Carolyn Graham, past Board Member and Chair of HFHE.



Tuesday was a great day with loads of excitement! The groups were led by Mary Cameron, HFH International Board Member, and Marg Sebзда.



Wednesday was rockin' as we hosted the biggest Women Build group on site. The groups were led by HFHE Past Chair Jan Mulligan and past HFHE Board Member Louise Gibson.



Thursday rolled in with two more phenomenal groups led by HFHE Board Chair Oryssia Lennie and HFHE Board Member Chana Martineau.



The closing groups were a lot of fun and put in a great work day. They were led by Board Member Deb Manz, and Donna Sylvestre.

Back in the Fort

Home builds are underway in Fort Saskatchewan.

Habitat Edmonton is pleased to be building homes for 16 families in Fort Saskatchewan. The build will be one of the two main sites for the upcoming Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project in July 2017. Volunteers have been busy building at the site and 12 of the 16 families have already been selected!

There are currently 12 families residing in Habitat homes in the community, and the addition of these 16 homes will bring the number to 28! Thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers who are working hard to make this build possible.

To volunteer, please visit HFH.org/volunteer to register and sign yourself up for shifts!

Straight from the heart

Thirteen-year old Mark shared about what home ownership means to him.

My name is Mark. I am 13 years old and I am in grade 8. Today I feel so blessed and excited as our family will take on this new chapter in our lives. I am so grateful that we are now part of a community that helps many families reach their dreams. Today is the day we've been waiting for.

Having a home is having a strong foundation especially for children. I describe home as the starting place of love, hope, and dreams. A home is a place where I feel the love of my family, relatives, and friends. This is where I learn how to become a better person every day. This is where I get my energy to get through another day. Home is a place of hope where I learn how to get back on my feet when things are not going well, and to have

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hope that tomorrow will be better day. This is where my dream of someday becoming a basketball player starts, because I have a place where I can spend time watching my favourite sports on TV and do my research on how to enhance my skills in basketball. Having a home is everything to me. This is where I build myself as a person to become a good citizen today and in the future.

Moving to a new place means meeting new friends and being in a new community. I just moved to a new school nearby, and in a



Members of Fort Saskatchewan City Council spent a day at the Fort Sask build site. (l-r) Councillor Ed Sperling, Mayor Gale Katchur, Councillor Birgit Blizzard, Councillor Stew Hennig, Councillor Sheldon Bossert, and Councillor Arjun Randhawa.

very short time I have gained new friends already. My family and I are looking forward to knowing our new neighbours and friends. I am also looking forward to having my very own room for the very first time, and this is really exciting to me.

With all the hard work and passion of all the people who worked together to make this possible for us and other families, from the bottom of my heart, Thank you. A decent shelter for our family is finally a dream come true. To all the volunteers and donors for your never-ending and generous support of Habitat for Humanity – a big and warm thank you.

And finally, thank you Habitat for this wonderful opportunity.



Thirteen-year old Mark shared a heartfelt message before his family received keys to their home in Neufeld Landing in September 2016.



Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project

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34th Annual Carter Work Project

Preparing for a build with presidential distinction.

For the past 33 years, former US President Jimmy Carter and former first lady Rosalynn Carter, have given a week of their time to help Habitat for Humanity improve and build homes all over the world. The Carters have worked alongside 100,000 volunteers to build, renovate and repair 4,000 Habitat for Humanity homes in 14 countries, while raising awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

In 2017, Habitat for Humanity will celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary by building 150 homes across the country. Habitat Edmonton is proud that 75 of the 150 expected homes will be built in Edmonton and in Fort Saskatchewan. Habitat for Humanity is fortunate to host the Carters during the celebration of our country's milestone, and Habitat Edmonton is thrilled to be selected as one of the host sites. From July 9th - 12th, the Carters and thousands of volunteers will converge on the capital region to help build the 75 homes.

Visit HFH.org in January 2017 for more information about volunteer opportunities during the Carter Work Project.



(Left to right): Sandy Hopkins, President & CEO, Habitat Manitoba; Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat Edmonton; and Mark Rogers, President & CEO, Habitat Canada, receive hammers from former president Jimmy Carter and former first lady Rosalynn Carter in Memphis, Tennessee. The hammer passing is an annual tradition for the Carter Work Project.



Habitat supporters Jatec and Raywalt Construction were busy servicing Carter Place to prepare for the influx of volunteers ready to build.



Former president Jimmy Carter and former first lady Rosalynn Carter posed with a hard-working crew during the 33rd Annual Carter Work Project in Memphis, Tennessee.

Barrier Free Addition

Volunteers constructed a barrier-free addition to an existing Habitat home for deserving family.

It is not very often that Habitat has the opportunity to remodel an existing home. Yassin and Ayan were model homeowners living in our Anderson Gardens development when we learned that their current home was not suitably equipped for their family: they required a barrier-free addition for one of their sons. And so Habitat volunteers went straight to work building the addition in Edmonton's Calder community.

The home-warming event was amazing and full of love. Congratulations to Yassin and Ayan. We trust your new home will make a huge difference for your beautiful family of nine.



Laura Manz (l) of the Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund (ECECAF) presented keys to Yassin and Ayan.

Wetaskiwin

Two beautiful homes for two beautiful families.

Sarah, one of the two new homeowners in Wetaskiwin, said, "...I got the call on Mother's Day to inform me that we had been selected to be a partner family! Now we stand here today and saying 'thank you' doesn't seem like enough. There are so many people to thank today."

Those words are very true. There were many individuals and groups who worked hard to bring the homes to completion and they should all be proud of what they have accomplished. The local Habitat committee should also be very proud! They have contributed a tremendous amount of volunteer work to bring affordable homeownership to their community and to these families. Habitat thanks everyone who made this day a reality.



Our partner families in Wetaskiwin were surrounded by volunteers and supporters who helped build their Habitat homes.



Sarah and Jacob were presented with house keys by Shannon Manuel, Branch Manager in Wetaskiwin for ATB Financial.



Denise and Matthew were delighted to receive keys from William Taylor, Wetaskiwin Branch Manager, RBC Royal Bank.

Excited in Ellerslie

Daytona Homes handed over keys to the second home they have donated through Habitat Day.

Daytona Homes proudly handed over the keys to a deserving family. The home they donated to Habitat is located in Edmonton's Ellerslie community.

"Moving into a new home, especially a first home, is something people never forget and I love that we can help make that happen for a Habitat family," said Tally Hutchinson, President, Daytona Homes.

Thank you, Daytona Homes, for building homes and hope!

Sixth time a charm

Landmark Group continues to give back.

A special thank you to Landmark Group who for the sixth time donated a home to Habitat for Humanity through the Habitat Day in the Capital Region program.

"It has been seven years since we started this special partnership with Habitat for Humanity and today we are very proud to present keys to another Edmonton family and our sixth donated home," said Reza Nasser. "Our core business is building homes, but with Habitat we are able to build hope. Landmark is... proud to be partners with an organization that truly is changing lives of families and children in our community."

A remarkable pace

Pacesetter Homes generously donated second home in three years.

Pacesetter Homes in partnership with Qualico helped a local family set a solid foundation for their children. When Lloyd Dumonceaux, Vice President of Pacesetter Homes, handed over the house keys, it was an exciting moment.

"Habitat for Humanity strengthens our community one home, and one family at a time," said Dumonceaux. "As a donating partner we are honored to be a part of this community building project. This year, Pacesetter Homes is proud to donate a single family home in the beautiful Qualico neighborhood of Crimson. We look forward to welcoming our new Habitat family as our neighbours."



Sandy Ladd, VP of Housing, and the team at Daytona Homes presented keys to Habiba and her son Abdul.



CEO Reza Nasser and the team at Landmark Group, congratulated Sufiyan, Sophia and their family.



Lloyd Dumonceaux, VP at Pacesetter Homes, presented keys to MD, Taslima, Merhab and Mehazbin.

Six more families move home



On behalf of Habitat Edmonton's volunteers, Kelsey Brown presented keys to Rahul, Pandita and family.



Representing the Women Build ladies, Carlin Gurjar (l) presented keys to Sandra.



Angela Saveriaux and Cory Stark (l) of Canadian Western Bank congratulated Waseem, Tanuja and their children for earning their Habitat home.



It was a memorable day for Michella, Lowell, Destin and Ruistelle as they received house keys from Colin Wiebe (l) of All Weather Windows.



Vanezza, Jasper and Mark (r) were thrilled to be moving into Neufeld Landing. Barry McGuire (l) of the Real Estate Investment Network (REIN) was delighted to welcome them home.



Neufeld Landing was named in honour of longtime Habitat Edmonton volunteer Don Neufeld (l). He and his wife Kae welcomed home Khalid, Nayla and Tasheem.

Cold Lake Kick Off

Habitat kicked off the very first traditional build in Cold Lake.

On a beautiful June morning Habitat supporters gathered at the future build site of a Cold Lake home. The build is the first traditional Habitat build in Cold Lake, and volunteers have been working diligently to build the home. Volunteers from a Global Village team also hit the site in July to help frame the basement and prepare for the floors and walls.

The build is now well underway thanks to an awesome committee and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to everyone who is involved in this amazing project!



Donors, volunteers, students, and Habitat representatives ceremonial turned sod for the first ever traditional Habitat build in Cold Lake.

Grande Prairie Build

The single family home in Grande Prairie keeps moving forward thanks to volunteers.

Our local Habitat volunteers have made great strides in the construction of this home. The crew is colourfully painting the walls and will soon start the finishing process. The community has rallied together around this project, and the wonderful mom and three children who will soon be living in this home are very excited about their future.

To volunteer for Grande Prairie Build or for more information, please touch base with our Restore at (780) 513-0100 or visit at 10431A - 96 Avenue.



The single-family home in Grande Prairie is past lock-up stage as volunteers continue to prepare the home over the winter months.

Slave Lake Build

A family in Slave Lake is inching closer to becoming a new Habitat homeowner.

There are currently two families enjoying the stability and security of home ownership in the community of Slave Lake. The newest Habitat build (on 12th Street) is coming along very well! However, Habitat could use an infusion of helping hands for the next stage! Painting, cabinet installation, and finishing! If you are able to lend your support to this build, Habitat would be very appreciative. Please call Laszlo Bajzar, Habitat's Northern Development Officer, at (780) 479-3566 x 239 or e-mail him at lbajzar@hfh.org.



The third Habitat home in Slave Lake is well under construction.

Summer of Fun Fundraising



Runners took off during the 2016 Race Judicata in support of Habitat Edmonton! The runners raised \$40,000! WOW!



Habitat Edmonton's 11th Annual Golf Tournament raised over \$80,000! The winning team (l-r): Rob Spanach, Dave Mones, and Alexis Harke.



All Weather Windows held their 5th Annual Window Blitz in support of Habitat affiliates in Western Canada! All Weather Window staff volunteered their time to build windows for over 20 Habitat homes.



Gordon Food Service's 5th annual Walking for Walls was rained out; however, the company held a BBQ and walk at their facility. They raised over \$15,000 when all was said and done. Great job Gordon Food Service!



The 4th annual Hammers for Habitat event was held on a sunny day in Sherwood Park. The RCMP squared off against the Strathcona Firefighters in a play-set building competition. Congrats to the RCMP for pulling off a win, and thanks to Starbucks for raising funds and awareness for Habitat!



Staff from Optimum Mortgage (of Canadian Western Bank) across Canada gathered at Habitat's Prefab Shop for an adventurous "Upcycling Challenge". Twenty teams each creatively upcycled doors to be sold to the public to raise funds for Habitat! Thanks to Optimum Mortgage staff for their creativity and hard work.



The team at Fairmont MacDonald showed overwhelming enthusiasm during their BBQ fundraiser - one of many ways they have supported Habitat this year.



Habitat volunteers and partner families manned a water station during the 2016 Edmonton Marathon as they cheered on runners, kept them hydrated, and spread the word about the Habitat program.



REIN continues to be a huge supporter of the Habitat program. They have set a goal of reaching \$1.25 Million dollars and are getting so close to their goal. Thank you to Don and Connie Campbell and the entire REIN crew!



ReStore held a Mega-Blok Fundraiser in each of its Edmonton locations this summer and fall. They have raised over \$2,500 for Habitat! Way to go ReStore!



Once again VETS held their golf tournament in support of Habitat Edmonton this summer. Special thanks to VETS!



ReStore was selected as the charity of choice at the Edmonton Home Show in October. Volunteers and staff used the opportunity to talk to attendees about how the Habitat program works and about ReStore.

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