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Sixteen parents and 38 children receive keys to Habitat homes constructed during the 2017 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

CARTER PLACE, EDMONTON (Dec. 21, 2017) – Nine families proudly received the keys to their new Habitat homes that were part of the 2017 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter were on site in July to help families build their own homes. President and Mrs. Carter spent time building homes at the Carter Place build site, which was named in their honour.

During a press conference this past July, president Carter said, “When we get through with this build here, we’ll look back and say, ‘This was one of the best we ever had. It’s because the people in Edmonton work so hard to make Habitat a success, whether we’re here or not.’”

When Carter Place is completed there will be 58 families with nearly 200 children living there. The project has been a tremendous undertaking, but the outpouring of support by volunteers and donors alike was like nothing Habitat Edmonton had ever seen. “The support for this build has been incredible,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “It’s rewarding to know that nine families will be in their new homes to celebrate the holiday season.”

The Government of Alberta was a Platinum Supporter of the 2017 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Their support has helped to set 75 Alberta families on the road to affordable home ownership. The government’s ongoing support allows Habitat to make generational change happen for local families.

“Our government is grateful to invest in this important project that is making life better for Albertans,” said the Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing. “We share Habitat for Humanity’s belief that everyone should have a safe and affordable place to call home. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and staff who contributed to this transformative initiative.”

The City of Edmonton has been a supporter of Habitat Edmonton for many years and was also a Platinum Supporter of the Carter Work Project. The City continues to support Habitat’s sustainable and affordable home ownership program. Mayor Iveson, many City Councillors, and City staff worked to build alongside families during the Carter Work Project and saw firsthand the impact the Habitat program has on families.

“Our vision for an uplifting and inclusive city depends on safe, affordable housing as a cornerstone,” said Mayor Don Iveson. “Today’s dedication of these nine homes helps us achieve this vision but more importantly, it helps the families living in them feel part of a community that cares.”

Habitat Edmonton thanks everyone involved in helping local families achieve strength, stability, and independence through affordable home ownership. The key presenters of these nine homes were Dow Chemical Canada, Lafarge Canada, Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, Qualico, Floform Countertops, The Kristie Charitable Foundation, Stantec, TELUS, and All Weather Windows.

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About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton

Founded in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is the largest Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Canada. We are working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. 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. Visit HFH.org for more information.