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Home is now a reality for 21 parents and 47 children who received keys to Habitat homes that were started during the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

CARTER PLACE, EDMONTON – Eleven families (21 parents and 47 children) accepted keys to their new Habitat homes in front of Habitat supporters and volunteers. The homeowner families have worked 500 hours building their homes, and will begin paying an interest-free mortgage with payments that never exceed 25 percent of their income. The affordable mortgage structure will help them build equity and will create more disposable income to allocate toward necessities and savings.

The Carter Place development was named in honour of former US president Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Rosalynn, who worked hands-on the homes in July of 2017. When completed, the development will be home to 58 families.

“The Habitat program has been successful in Edmonton just as it is in every other community in the world,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat Edmonton. “The model has been proven to provide families with the boost they need to cross from renting to owning. Once they own their own home families have a freedom to save and plan for the future – a life that was previously unattainable for them.”

The Government of Alberta has been a supporter of Habitat Edmonton’s work in the province and was a supporter of the 2017 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

“Everyone should have a safe place to call home,” said Denise Woollard, MLA for Edmonton – Mill Creek. “That’s why we launched our Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy to build affordable housing across the province. We are proud to support this project and applaud Habitat for Humanity and their many partners for creating new affordable homes for Albertans.”

The City of Edmonton continues to support Habitat’s work for local families and was also a supporter of the Carter Work Project and Mayor Iveson, City Councillors and staff built alongside families.

“Today’s dedication is a huge win for our city, said Councillor Michael Walters, City of Edmonton. “It’s a proud day for all Edmontonians when eleven families receive keys to their new homes. Access to affordable housing is vitally important to the health of our city and the quality of life of our citizens, which is why partnerships with groups like Habitat are so

essential. I'm delighted that the City was able to work with Habitat so that homes could be built for families to grow and thrive."

Habitat Edmonton thanks everyone involved in helping local families achieve strength, stability, and independence through affordable home ownership. The key presenters of these 11 homes were: Cabico by Gem Cabinets, Cameron Homes, Christenson Group of Companies, Enbridge, Graham Construction, Lowes, Halstead International, Schneider Electric, Stanley Black & Decker, and a key was presented on behalf of Habitat volunteers by Walley Linnemann.

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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.