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Thirteen families received keys to their Habitat homes at Carter Place in time for the holidays!

CARTER PLACE, EDMONTON – Thirteen families (with a combined 43 children) received keys to their new homes at Habitat Edmonton's Carter Place development, named in honour of former US President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter. Each homeowner family has volunteered 500 hours as part of their partnership agreement with Habitat. Carter Place will be home to 58 families when completed, and there are currently 30 families living in the development.

"We're elated that 13 families are receiving homes at this time of the year," said Karen Stone, President & CEO, Habitat Edmonton. "The peace, joy, and love of the holiday season is so special, and now our families can celebrate a new beginning together in a safe, decent and affordable home."

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.

"Every Albertan, regardless of income, should have a safe and affordable place to call home," said the Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing. "We know affordable housing is the foundation for a better life. I'm proud of our government's work with partners like Habitat for Humanity in making this a reality for more families across this province. Our support for projects like Carter Place is a great example of what we are achieving through our government's Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy."

The City of Edmonton continues to support Habitat Edmonton'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.

"There are many reasons why safe, affordable housing is integral to the success of a city," said Mayor Don Iveson. "It makes economic sense, it strengthens communities and it offers diverse housing options, but most importantly, it delivers stability and security for thousands of Edmontonians."

Habitat Edmonton thanks everyone involved in helping local families achieve strength, stability, and independence through affordable home ownership. The major donors towards these 13 homes were:

- 1) ATB Financial
- 2) Beaver Plastics
- 3) CGC
- 4) City of Edmonton
- 5) CMHC
- 6) Dow Chemical Canada
- 7) Government of Alberta
- 8) The Home Depot
- 9) Jatec
- 10) Kristie Charitable Foundation
- 11) Lafarge
- 12) Owens Corning
- 13) PCL Construction
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- 15) Raywalt Construction

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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.