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## **Six families in Edmonton become homeowners thanks to Habitat for Humanity and supporters.**

**CARTER PLACE, EDMONTON** – Six families received keys to their Habitat homes at Carter Place, a Habitat development in Edmonton's Laurel community. Habitat's newest homeowners will join the 33 families already at home in the development and will be paying an affordable mortgage, with payments that do not exceed 25 percent of their income. Carter Place was named in honour of former US President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter, who visited to help with the build in 2017.

"Spring is the perfect season for our partner families to move into their Habitat home," said Karen Stone, President & CEO, Habitat Edmonton. "Springtime is full of new beginnings, and today it is a new beginning for our families who are starting a new chapter in their lives. Each of our families receiving a key today has worked hard to become a homeowner by contributing 500 hours on a build site or in a ReStore."

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, and have supported Habitat Edmonton since 2005.

"I am so happy for the families receiving the keys to their new homes today," said the Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing. "This celebration is an example of Albertans' can-do spirit and what's possible when government supports civil society organizations to make life better for all of us. Welcome home!"

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.

"Safe, affordable housing is a critical need and everyone deserves a place to call home," said Mayor Don Iveson, City of Edmonton. "These additions to Carter Place welcome hard working families who can now call the community home and I'm so pleased that the Edmonton Metro Region was part of making that a reality for them."

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

- 1) Alberta Forest Products Assoc.
- 2) Bill & Paulette Winter
- 3) City of Edmonton
- 4) Dentons Canada LLP

- 5) The Fargey Family
- 6) Florform Countertops
- 7) Government of Alberta
- 8) Insight Insurance

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## **About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton**

Habitat Edmonton works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, and more financially stable life. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. Habitat Edmonton has empowering low-income families across northern Alberta since 1991. For more information, please visit [HFH.org](http://HFH.org).