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**Two families celebrate newfound home ownership of Habitat for Humanity homes built during the 2017 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.**

**FORT SASKATCHEWAN (Mar. 29, 2018)** – Two local families received keys to their new Habitat homes in Fort Saskatchewan. The construction of the homes were started as part of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, a weeklong summer event in 2017 that saw 75 homes under construction in the Edmonton area and another 75 across Canada.

“A Habitat home helps more than a family; it helps a community,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “Our families experience a life transformation through our program. It gives them a much needed boost into affordable home ownership. Many of our families end up selling their home back to Habitat years down the road and, in turn, that home then helps another family. The program keeps on helping families decades later.”

A long-time partner of Habitat for Humanity, the Government of Alberta continues to work toward a province where everyone has a safe and decent place to call home.

“Our government is committed to protecting public services families count on, like affordable housing, and are proud to support Habitat for Humanity’s Carter Work Project,” said the Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing. “I believe that everyone should have a safe and affordable place to call home. To the families who are starting a new life today, welcome home.”

Under the leadership of Mayor Gale Katchur, the City of Fort Saskatchewan has made significant progress in making affordable home ownership accessible through the Habitat program.

“After all the hard work so many volunteers put into this project, it’s a pleasure to see more families in new homes, thanks to Habitat for Humanity and last summer’s Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Build,” said Mayor Gale Katchur. “The City of Fort Saskatchewan is thrilled to have more affordable housing that enables our residents to get a financial hand up.”

Habitat for Humanity thanks everyone involved in helping families gain access to affordable home ownership. The key presenters for these two homes were Qualico and TELUS.

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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](http://HFH.org) for more information.