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## **Alfred Nikolai, president and chief executive of Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is stepping down.**

**EDMONTON (Mar. 1, 2018)** - Habitat Edmonton's President & CEO Alfred Nikolai who has led the charity for the past 13 years is planning to retire from his position on June 30th.

"My time as CEO has been extremely rewarding as I have witnessed hundreds of wonderful families transform their lives as part of the Habitat Program. Retirement is an exciting time but also one of reflection. I believe that Habitat will continue to transform lives and I am proud to have served such a wonderful cause for so many years. My wife Ann and I are looking forward to travelling and spending more time with our children and granddaughter."

In 2017 the charity hosted the Carter Work Project and put Habitat Edmonton's role in building affordable housing on the world stage. As per the words of President Carter "When we get through 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 are here or not."

The charity's growth has been exponential over the last 13 years and today Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is the largest Habitat in Canada based on the number of families served annually.

"Alfred Nikolai's exceptional leadership has been a major contributing factor to Habitat Edmonton's success. His passion and commitment to the cause of providing affordable housing to those in need has resulted in the charity going from building one or two homes annually to building entire communities. He exudes the spirit of neighbour-helping-neighbour. Alfred's remarkable achievements with Habitat Edmonton, as well as his contributions to the Habitat program across the country, have improved the lives of many families over the years. The Board of Habitat Edmonton very much appreciates all that Alfred has accomplished in his time as CEO and thanks him for his significant role in breaking down barriers and building stronger healthier communities which greatly advanced the Habitat for Humanity program," said Oryssia Lennie, Board Chair, Habitat Edmonton.

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton will be undertaking a search for a new President & CEO.

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