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EDMONTON, AB – On July 1, 2018, Karen Stone will be joining Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, officially taking over as President and CEO when Alfred Nikolai retires after 13 years of leading the charity.

Stone comes to Habitat with a strong leadership background serving over 25 years in organizational management at provincial, national and international levels.

Stone has served in senior leadership roles in the housing sector for over half of her career at; Alberta Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness, Family Violence Prevention and Homeless Support Services, BC Non-profit Housing Association, BC/Yukon Society of Transition Housing, and realizing housing as a socio-economic right, while she practiced as a human rights lawyer in South Africa.

“Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is a wonderful organization that has been transformed under the leadership of Alfred Nikolai,” said Karen Stone. “It is with great enthusiasm that I look forward to stewarding the next phase in the work of this organization, and serving and empowering many more families. I feel honored and humbled to have this opportunity to work with the amazing staff, volunteers and partners that believe in the work of Habitat, as together we realize housing as a fundamental human right.”

Stone has an undeniable passion for housing and is keen to bring her vision and expertise to help further the mission of building homes and serving families.

With affordable housing still a critical need across Canada the charity must continue to sustain and grow the program keeping donors and volunteers engaged and aware of the great need to serve well deserving families in Edmonton and Northern Alberta. The transition into home ownership is a proven formula to break the cycle of poverty. By investing in families Habitat is building more sustainable communities and ensuring that children have brighter futures.

“As the largest Habitat affiliate in Canada based on the number of families served annually and having served over 600 families to date, the Board, management and staff of Habitat for Humanity Edmonton look forward to welcoming Karen Stone to the ‘Habitat Family’” said Ian MacDonald, Habitat board Chair.

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