

*For Immediate Release*

### **Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to participate in Carter Work Project**

*Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to help build homes as part of Habitat's biggest build project ever.*

**Edmonton, AB** – Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is proud to be a part of the 34<sup>th</sup> Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project – Habitat for Humanity Canada's biggest build project ever – to help build 150 homes for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

The Carter Work Project will take place in over 40 communities, including Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan, with former U.S. President and Mrs. Carter focusing their efforts in Edmonton, Alberta, and in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Habitat Edmonton is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Canada, Habitat International and the Carters to help bring this project to Canada by committing to building homes in Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan to help reach the goal of 150 homes. Thousands of volunteers will be helping to build alongside future Habitat homeowners right across the country, and Habitat Edmonton is excited to be a part of this Canada-wide project to bring affordable home ownership to more families in need.

“We are very privileged to host President and Mrs. Carter. We are grateful for their dedication to providing families with an opportunity to build a better life for their children,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “We are also grateful for the many volunteers and donors whose commitment to Habitat's mission has helped us empower families with strength, stability and independence.”

Habitat for Humanity has a long history of providing affordable housing. *One in eight households do not have a decent and affordable place to call home in Edmonton.* Every day thousands of families are forced to decide between paying rent or putting food on the table. Habitat's model of affordable home ownership helps to change that.

People living in Habitat homes not only help to build their own houses, they also pay affordable mortgages geared to their income. Habitat for Humanity's innovative approach helps low income working families break the cycle of poverty – decreasing their reliance on food banks and allowing families to move out of social housing which frees up space for those on waiting lists.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project is about neighbours helping neighbours. People will have an opportunity to get involved in their local community to help more families have a safe, affordable and decent place to live in.

To learn how you can get involved and support the 34<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, visit [www.hfh.org/carter](http://www.hfh.org/carter).

## **About Habitat for Humanity's 34<sup>th</sup> Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project**

Since 1984, President and Mrs. Carter have traveled around the world with Habitat, to build and improve homes. Their time and effort helps to raise awareness of the critical need for affordable home ownership around the world. Inspiring millions over the last three decades, President and Mrs. Carter have worked alongside nearly 100,000 volunteers in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair more than 4,000 homes.

### **Carter Work Project Supporters**

City of Edmonton  
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### **About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton**

Founded in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is a charitable organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. They 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.

### **About Habitat for Humanity Canada**

In Canada, Habitat for Humanity has been working since 1985 toward a world where everyone has a decent and safe place to live. With the help of over 70,000 volunteers every year and 56 local organizations from coast to coast to coast, our mission is to bring communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. Worldwide, more than 6.8 million people have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. For more information, visit [habitat.ca](http://habitat.ca).

### **About Habitat for Humanity International**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in nearly 1,400 communities throughout the U.S. and in nearly 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

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