

*For Immediate Release*

## **Habitat for Humanity to renovate a second home to benefit a local family.**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE (Oct. 30, 2017)** – A local committee of Habitat for Humanity (Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Rocky Mountain House) is preparing to renovate a home recently purchased by Habitat for Humanity. The home will help a local family achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable home ownership.

Clark Bertagnolli, Committee Chair, expressed the committee's enthusiasm:

"We are gearing up for an exciting few months as we renovate another house here in Rocky," said Bertagnolli. "We can now put out the request for volunteers and local contractors to help us complete the renovations inside and outside. Of course, we also welcome cash and in-kind donations from individuals and businesses to assist with costs of the renovation. And the best part is, a local family will be selected to receive the key to their new home."

The committee is holding a Family Information Meeting for families interested in finding out more about the Habitat program:

**Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 5015 - 49 Street, Rocky Mountain House

Families are welcome to bring their dinner and kids

For more information, contact Linda at (403) 729-3137 or at

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In addition to attending the Information Meeting, families must complete an application and meet specific criteria:

Annual gross income is between \$32,000 and \$64,000.

They have at least one child under the age of 18 living at home.

They are willing to volunteer 500 hours as their down payment

Habitat families purchase the home from Habitat with a down payment of 500 sweat equity hours. They pay an interest-free mortgage with payments that never

exceed 25 percent of the family's gross household income. If the family better their situation and decides to sell the home, Habitat has the first right of refusal. This enables Habitat to offer another home ownership opportunity to another family in the community.

Habitat has been in Rocky Mountain House since 2011, when a house was generously donated and then renovated by volunteers. After the family successfully moved out of the Habitat program, a local committee was formed and dedicated volunteers renovated the home and handed the key to a new family in February of 2016.

As an international organization, Habitat has served nearly 10 million people across the world. Now every 5 ½ minutes somewhere in the world a family receives a key to a Habitat home. Habitat Edmonton was formed in 1991 and serves families in communities across northern Alberta. Habitat's vision is to see a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

For information about volunteering, offering your professional contractor services, or donating to the new Habitat home in Rocky Mountain House, please email [rmh@hfh.org](mailto:rmh@hfh.org).

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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.