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The largest rural Habitat build in Canadian history completes as 15 families receive keys to their new homes.

Edson, AB – Fifteen well-deserving Edson families received keys to the first ever Habitat for Humanity homes in the community. The project began three years ago when a local committee recognized the need for affordable home ownership in Edson. The Edson Habitat project is a testimony to what can happen when charitable organizations partner with governments, local businesses, faith and community groups and individuals work together for the betterment of a community. It is currently the largest rural Habitat build in Canadian history.

“Habitat Edmonton is thrilled that 15 families will now have a place to call home,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “The local Habitat committee, the Town, the Province, and all supporters – volunteer and donors – need to be lauded for their outstanding commitment to strengthening the community through the Habitat program.”

The Government of Alberta has been a strong proponent of affordable housing across Alberta and supported the project in Edson.

“Our government is committed to affordable housing for families and was proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity on another historic project,” said Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths. “Helping 15 families become homeowners is an invaluable investment in the community, and we commend Habitat for Humanity, volunteers, the Town of Edson and the private sector for their collaboration and hard work on this project.”

The land for the 15 homes was made possible by the Town of Edson.

“We would like to thank Habitat for Humanity and all of the volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making this dream become a reality for all of the families participating in the program,” said Mayor Greg Pasychny, Town of Edson. “This was a large undertaking, but everyone pulled together to bring the project to completion. The homes look great and we’re very excited to have the Canada’s largest rural Habitat for Humanity building project in our community. Congratulations from all Town of Edson Council and Staff!”

Countless hours were given by many local volunteers over many years, and The Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Edson committee members deserve recognition for a job well done.

Habitat families pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 percent of their income. This allows families more disposable income to spend on necessities and to save for the future. Each mortgage payment that Edson families pay goes to Habitat’s *Fund for Humanity* and will go towards future Habitat builds in Edson so that a greater number of families will benefit for years down the road.

About HFHE

Founded in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is a non-profit organization 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 homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. With the help of thousands of volunteers, we have provided many families with safe, decent and affordable housing across northern Alberta. For more information about HFHE, please visit HFH.org.

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