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Family of seven opens door to their new home and future.

Edmonton, AB — One year after an incredibly moving sod-turning ceremony, Billy, Siobhan and their five children held the keys to their Habitat home for the first time. The single family home in Edmonton's Rutherford community will be a haven for the family to make memories, build relationships and experience the stability of affordable homeownership.

"Key presentations are by far the most inspiring part of the Habitat experience," said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. "When you see the family's faces as they tightly grasp their new key, you know that the moment is monumental for them. We couldn't be happier to share this special moment with Billy, Siobhan and their children - they have a special place in the hearts of our staff and volunteers. We are so proud that they are now homeowners and part of the larger Habitat family."

Homeownership opportunities do not just happen - there are many hands involved in a successful Habitat build. Volunteers and community partners are at the forefront of our team. Since 2005, the Government of Alberta has been a community partner committed to supporting Habitat's sustainable program.

"Our government is committed to affordable housing for families as part of the Building Alberta Plan, and is proud to have supported this Habitat for Humanity project in the Rutherford community," said Municipal Affairs Minister Greg Weadick. "Finding quality, affordable housing is especially challenging for large families, and we appreciate Habitat for Humanity's continuous work with its partners to build spacious, comfortable homes for Albertans in need."

This beautiful home for Billy, Siobhan and family was made possible by the generosity of the Delcon Group, a longtime supporter of Habitat's work. Delcon took the lead role on the project, which has been named the "Delcon Build" in their honour.

"Delcon Development Group is excited to be part of the dedication ceremony today," said Bill Winter, VP of Commercial Development. "Last summer we turned the sod with this lovely family and to see the joy in their faces as they received their keys today just solidifies why our company believes in the importance of supporting the

Habitat program. Five young children will now stay rooted in their community and, as a company that believes in community, we are just thrilled to have helped make this build possible.”

Habitat homes are affordable because families pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 per cent of their income. Partner families must invest 500 hours of “sweat equity” as the down payment for their home. However, these home ownership opportunities are not possible without the support of dedicated volunteers and donors. Habitat relies on partnerships to serve families in need of adequate housing.

About Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton (HFHE) 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. In 2013, HFHE provided 81 families with Habitat homes. Visit HFH.org for more information.

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