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Habitat kicks off first ever build in Slave Lake!

Slave Lake, AB — Friends of Habitat Edmonton Slave Lake (FOHES) committee members, dignitaries and Slave Lake residents gathered at the future build site on 10 Avenue S.E. to officially kick off the first ever Habitat build in Slave Lake. This build will provide two hard working families with the opportunity for a promising future.

“Through strong partnerships, our government is committed to providing affordable housing to all Albertans, and we are delighted to see Habitat for Humanity expand its program to Slave Lake,” said Municipal Affairs Minister Greg Weadick. “We are proud to support the work of Habitat for Humanity and the Slave Lake committee in their united effort to meet the community’s housing needs and look forward to many more builds in the future.”

“Our community is extremely grateful for Habitat for Humanity identifying Slave Lake as an area in need,” said Mayor Tyler Warman. “Slave Lake has suffered from housing shortages for some time and this was compounded by the effects of the fire in 2011. A healthy community needs a variation of housing options and the help from Habitat for Humanity and its partners and volunteers will work towards filling a gap that currently exists.”

FOHE-Slave Lake has been diligently preparing to bring more affordable home ownership opportunities to Slave Lake. The Kick Off Celebration denotes the beginning of an exciting opportunity for two local families and for volunteers to join together in the spirit of neighbour-helping-neighbour. Habitat welcomes volunteers from beginners to professional tradespeople.

“The Slave Lake Habitat for Humanity committee is excited to start a new venture in this growing community in helping two families get started with a new life, said Tom Moore, Project Leader.”

Habitat homes are affordable because families pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 per cent of their income. 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 and is thrilled that the Province of Alberta and many others are stepping up to make this build a success.

“It is very meaningful for us to be building in Slave Lake,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “This community is incredible and we’re privileged to be small part of rebuilding the town. It won’t be long before the build site is abuzz with volunteers – demonstrating the true meaning of neighbour helping neighbour.”

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About Habitat for Humanity

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. Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Slave Lake (FOHES) is a local committee empowered by Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to mobilize volunteers and community partners to establish a sustainable Habitat for Humanity program in the Town of Slave Lake. Visit HFH.org for more information.

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