



# News Release

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## **Habitat partners again with Métis Capital Housing Corporation to bring homeownership opportunities to Aboriginal families.**

**Edmonton, AB** — Enbridge proudly presented house keys to Eunice and her children: Cassy, Taylor, Kenidy and Danette, the proud recipients of the newest Habitat home in Edmonton's Beverly community. The home was a renovation project in partnership with the Métis Capital Housing Corporation, and is one of five homes currently being renovated for local Métis families. Each Métis family will become homeowners through Habitat's affordable home ownership program.

"Habitat relies on the generosity of partners like Métis Capital Housing Corporation and Enbridge," said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. "This project and partnership has been such a tremendous success and I see it carrying forward for many years to come."

"This is a partnership that provides an exceptional opportunity to our clients to move forward into homeownership," said Darlene Lennie, Executive Director, Métis Capital Housing Corporation. "Affordable housing needs several options to be successful and this is one way to achieve that."

The Government of Alberta has contributed \$60,178 to the Habitat Beverly project through the 2011/12 Housing Capital Initiatives Request for Proposals program.

"It's gratifying to see the completion of this worthwhile project," said Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Greg Weadick. "The demand for affordable family housing has grown as our province's population increases. The Government of Alberta is proud to partner once again with Habitat for Humanity as they deliver long-term and sustainable housing to a well-deserving family."

As lead supporter of the newly renovated Habitat home in Beverly, Enbridge was on hand to present a key to the deserving family.

“At Enbridge we are committed to investing in initiatives that help strengthen and empower Aboriginal communities,” said Leon Zupan, Chief Operating Officer, Liquid Pipelines. “This partnership with Habitat for Humanity provides immediate and tangible community benefits through the provision of safe and affordable housing. I am excited and honored to be present as home ownership becomes a reality for this deserving family.”

Eunice and her family will pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 per cent of their income. She and her children invest 500 hours of “sweat equity” as the down payment for their home – this is why the Habitat program is a “hand up,” not a handout.

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### **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](http://HFH.org) for more information.

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