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Home is now a reality for 16 Edmonton families in the largest Habitat for Humanity build in Canadian history.

Edmonton, AB —The largest Habitat build in Canadian history is now home to 16 families. The build was thoughtfully named Neufeld Landing after Don Neufeld, a stalwart volunteer and supporter who has given over 15,500 volunteer hours to Habitat for Humanity Edmonton since he began volunteering in 1993. The deserving families will occupy the first 16 homes while volunteers resume construction on the remaining 48.

“As the CEO of Habitat Edmonton, I’m very pleased with the progress that our charity has had over the years,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “To be part of the largest build in Canadian history is very special, and it’s even more special to share this moment with Neufeld Landing’s namesake, Don Neufeld, and the partner families, volunteers and donors who have made this celebration possible.”

The Government of Alberta’s continued support of the Habitat program has enabled the charitable organization to significantly grow the number of families it serves each year.

“Providing Alberta’s families with safe and affordable places to live is a priority for our government,” said Jeff Johnson, Minister of Seniors. “We are proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity Edmonton and be a part of this historic project.”

The City of Edmonton was instrumental in this project by providing Cornerstone funding that made it possible for Habitat to enlist the land.

“Stable, affordable housing is one of the keys to ending the vicious cycle of poverty,” said Mayor Don Iveson. “Increasing the number of long-term affordable housing units through programs like Cornerstones and Habitat for Humanity help make Edmonton a more inclusive, livable city — a city where everyone can reach their full potential.”

Habitat for Humanity relies on the generosity of volunteers, donors and partners to deliver their affordable home ownership program. Diamond Supporters of the first 16 homes are the Government of Alberta, City of Edmonton (Cornerstones), Real Estate Investment Network (REIN), Standard General, Edmonton Civic Employees Assistance Fund, Bill & Paulette Winter, Dow Chemical Canada, the Kristie Charitable Foundation, The Honourable Madam Justice Cecilia Johnstone 2014 Memorial Build, REALTORS® Community Foundation and Alberta Real Estate Foundation, Qualico, All Weather Windows, Raywalt Construction, The Home Depot Canada Foundation, Weinrich Consulting, Jatec, and IBI Group.

The 16 new homeowners at Neufeld Landing will pay Habitat an interest-free mortgage with payments that do not exceed 25 percent of their income. Habitat then takes these mortgage payments and reinvests them into building more homes and serving a great number of well deserving families. Habitat homeowners build equity and create a bright future for their children; a world of new possibilities. Habitat stands proudly behind the slogan: Building Homes. Building Hope.

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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