



# News Release

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**Habitat Day co-founder, Christenson Developments, hands over keys to a family for the fifth time in as many years.**

**Stony Plain, Alberta** – A Stony Plain family received keys to a new Habitat home from Christenson Developments. The home builder pledged to provide a home to Habitat for Humanity during Habitat Day in the Capital Region this past April. Christenson Developments was one of three home builder companies who spearheaded the Habitat Day program back in 2010. The Stony Plain home is the fifth home they have donated in as many years.

“Christenson Developments is very proud to continue our company’s legacy of giving by donating a home to Habitat for Humanity for the fifth time in as many years,” said Peter Dirksen, VP, Christenson Developments. “We are so pleased that another hard working Edmonton family will benefit from affordable home ownership. It is truly a delight to present a family with a key and know that the future looks brighter because of programs like Habitat for Humanity.”

The Government of Alberta continues to help Habitat address the need for affordable homeownership in the Province through continued support of the Habitat program.

“The Government of Alberta is committed to providing affordable housing options to all Albertans, and we know that this can only be achieved through strong partnerships,” said Jeff Johnson, Minister of Seniors. “We’re proud to support Habitat for Humanity Edmonton in their continued efforts to bring more home ownership to Alberta’s families.”

“The Habitat program simply changes the trajectory of families’ lives,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “Our capital region citizens should be very proud to live in communities where business leaders are proactively addressing housing issues and making change possible.”

Habitat families partner with Habitat by committing to work 500 hours as the down payment for their home. Once families move in to their new home, they pay interest-free mortgage payments that are never more than 25 percent of their household income. This allows them to build equity with every payment and to allocate funds to enriching their children's lives and providing a solid foundation for the future.

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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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