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## **Two families receive keys to the first ever Habitat for Humanity homes in Fairview.**

**Fairview, Alberta** – Two hard-working Fairview families received keys to their Habitat for Humanity homes in the presence of supporters, volunteers and the community. These homes are the first Habitat homes in Fairview, and they came together through the diligent work of the hard-working Habitat committee in Fairview. Construction is will continue on another duplex in the New Year.

“This project has been very meaningful to everyone involved,” said Rick Nicholson, Project Manager, Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Fairview Project. “All of us on the Fairview committee thank Habitat for Humanity for lending their help and we also thank the community of Fairview for their support and the hundreds of volunteer hours that they’ve contributed to provide homes for two deserving families.”

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.”

Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, says, “The Habitat model of homeownership has been tried, tested and true everywhere in the world. It works in Honduras, Australia, Toronto and Edmonton – and it works here in Fairview too.”

“The people of Fairview have been excited to see the progress of the two duplex units in our community,” said Mayor Gordon MacLeod. “Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is commended for bringing this project to Fairview.

We are grateful to all those who volunteered, donated, participated and we share joy with the four families who will have a new home. The project has been a lesson in hope and possibilities.”

The “hand up” by Habitat for Humanity allows partner families to build equity in a home and to discover the sense of stability in living arrangements and conditions. The interest-free mortgage payments never exceed 25 percent of the families’ household income, which means more disposable income to spend on necessities and activities for the family. A requirement of the Habitat program is that families spend 500 hours of “sweat equity” into building their own home or the homes of their neighbours, and in some cases volunteerism in the community.

The Fairview project is supported by many generous donors, including Dan and Jeanette McLachlan, who donated the land to make the project possible.

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### **About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton – Fairview Project**

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. The Fairview Project began in 2014 and when completed, four families will be homeowners of affordable homes. Visit [HFH.org](http://HFH.org) for more information.

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