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Students celebrated alongside Habitat for Humanity as two families in Fairview receive keys to their Habitat homes.

Fairview, Alberta – A house key wound its way through the hands of a great number of students from the Grande Prairie Catholic School District up to the podium to start a very meaningful celebration. Students, dignitaries, volunteers and community members gathered to see two hard-working Fairview families receive keys to their Habitat for Humanity homes.

“Habitat’s program not only gives their partner families the very definition of opportunity, but also the ability to show true gratitude by working alongside fellow volunteers during the building process,” said Charity, a Fairview partner family. “We are given the ability to contribute to our dream while witnessing humanity’s generosity. We are given the gift of learning new skills thanks to the variety of skilled labor provided through this building process and the ability to attend education seminars for homeownership enlightenment.”

Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, says, “It’s really been amazing to watch four homes come together in Fairview. This community has a tremendous amount of heart and truly exemplifies the spirit of neighbour helping neighbour.”

“The Town of Fairview was very happy to be chosen as a site for Habitat for Humanity housing,” said Mayor Gordon McLeod, Town of Fairview. “We sincerely thank the organization and the volunteers who have been instrumental in bringing the project to completion and we congratulate the families who will be living in their new homes.”

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 the Government of Alberta, Dan and Jeanette McLachlan (who donated the land to make the project possible), as well as the Grande Prairie Catholic School District students who raised over \$100,000 towards the four homes and another \$35,000 to go towards Habitat homes in Grande Prairie.

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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 four families now own affordable homes.

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