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Six families' dreams come true at the largest Habitat for Humanity build in Canada.

Edmonton, Alberta – The hard work of volunteers and supporters was once again demonstrated as six families were given a hand up into affordable home ownership. The families will soon move into their new homes in Neufeld Landing, a Habitat for Humanity development in Edmonton's Rutherford community. Neufeld Landing is the largest Habitat for Humanity build in Canadian history with a total of 64 homes, and with the addition of these six families there will now be 31 families living in the development.

"The opportunity to build equity in a home is life-changing," said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton (HFHE). "For the first time, parents are able to provide their children with a hopeful future due to a greater disposable income."

"Home ownership is an important goal for many Albertans," said Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Seniors. "Habitat for Humanity has helped to make this dream a reality for many families, and the government of Alberta is proud to be a partner in this valuable contribution to our communities."

The City of Edmonton has been a tremendous supporter of the Habitat program for many years. The City made it possible for HFHE to acquire the land for Neufeld Landing through the Cornerstones program.

"With the help of valued partners like Habitat for Humanity, the Cornerstones Plan allows us to increase the supply of affordable housing in Edmonton," said Mayor Don Iveson. "This investment helps create new beginnings for families, and enables their homes and lives to be integrated into existing communities - adding neighbourhood vibrancy and cultivating a sense of belonging."

HFHE partner families work hard for their Habitat home. After investing 500 hours of sweat equity as their down payment, families pay an interest-free mortgage with payments that are never more than 25 percent of their household income. The Habitat mortgage is what makes the homes affordable.

The major supporters of the six homes are the Government of Alberta, City of Edmonton Cornerstones, REALTORS® Community Foundation, TELUS, Hunter Douglas, Flo Form Countertops, and Dow Chemical Canada.

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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 thousands of volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. Visit HFH.org for more information.

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