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## **Two families proudly hold keys to first ever Habitat for Humanity homes in Slave Lake.**

**Slave Lake, AB** — Two families received keys to the first ever Habitat for Humanity homes in the town of Slave Lake. The local Habitat for Humanity committee worked very hard to make dreams come true for the two families. Dignitaries were on hand to celebrate alongside of Habitat for Humanity and the families, one of which is the 100<sup>th</sup> Aboriginal family served by Habitat for Humanity in Canada.

The Government of Alberta has been a longtime supporter of Habitat's work in the province, and have made it possible for Habitat to acquire the land for the Slave Lake project.

“Supporting Habitat for Humanity projects is one way our government helps provide safe, stable, and affordable homes for Alberta families,” said Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Seniors. “We know that a stable housing situation contributes significantly to a family's overall well-being.”

Habitat has completed two homes is currently building another single family homes with plans to build seven more homes in the future. Habitat homes are affordable because families pay an interest-free mortgage that is never more than 25 per cent of their income. However, these home ownership opportunities are not possible without the support of dedicated volunteers and donors. Habitat for Humanity relies on volunteers and partnerships to serve families in need of adequate housing, and is thrilled that residents and businesses in Slave Lake have stepped up to make this project successful.

“We are very proud of what the local committee has accomplished in Slave Lake,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “There has been a tremendous amount of volunteer labour and support, and the community of Slave Lake should be very proud of what has been accomplished.”

"Seeing a well deserving family move into the first Habitat for Humanity Home in Slave Lake is such an exciting and rewarding experience for our community," said Tyler Warman, Mayor of Slave Lake. "To know that our community is working hard to find ways to provide housing for all our citizens is something to be celebrated."

It is a tremendous achievement to reach 100 Aboriginal families served by Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the country, and it is very special to Habitat that Slave Lake was where the milestone was achieved.

The presenting supporters of the first two Slave Lake homes are the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Natural Resources Limited.

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### **About Habitat for Humanity**

Founded in 1991, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is a non-profit organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Friends of Habitat Edmonton – Slave Lake (FOHES) is a local committee empowered by Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to mobilize volunteers and community partners to establish a sustainable Habitat for Humanity program in the Town of Slave Lake. Visit [HFH.org](http://HFH.org) for more information.

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