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Home for the holidays! Nine local families receive keys to their new homes days before Christmas.

Edmonton, Alberta – With only eight days until Christmas, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton was very pleased that nine families will be celebrating the holiday in their new homes at Neufeld Landing, the largest Habitat build in Canadian history. The families received a “hand up” into their affordable homes due to the generosity of donors and the hard work and dedication of local volunteers.

“Every one of us that is part of the Habitat for Humanity family is excited this year,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton. “There will be 14 children who wake up Christmas morning in a safe, decent, affordable home. This Christmas will be extra special, and the start of a beautiful future for each of them.”

Habitat for Humanity’s affordable home ownership program has been supported by the Government of Alberta since 2006. The sustainable Habitat program helps Albertan families thrive and build an exciting future. It’s a hand up that the Government supports.

“Supporting Habitat for Humanity projects is one way our government helps provide safe and affordable homes for Alberta families,” said Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Seniors. “I congratulate the Edmonton chapter for successfully completing Habitat’s largest Canadian build and the contribution this will make to the overall well-being of these nine families.”

Through the Cornerstones Program, the City of Edmonton helped Habitat for Humanity acquire the land for Neufeld Landing. The City has supported Habitat for Humanity’s work in the community for many years.

"Nine more families will get to enjoy a real home for the holidays this year," said Mayor Don Iveson. "Every time we can help house someone in need, we move forward in the fight to end poverty in our city. The City of Edmonton is proud to support construction like this through the Cornerstones program, and partners like Habitat for Humanity are helping us create healthy, inclusive communities for everyone."

Partner families spend 500 hours volunteering on Habitat build sites as their down payment. Once in their home, a family pays 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 nine homes are the Government of Alberta, City of Edmonton Cornerstones, MCAP, ATB Financial, Kristie Charitable Foundation, Whirlpool, Owens Corning, Qualico, REALTORS® Community Foundation and the Alberta Real Estate Foundation.

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About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton

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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