



# News Release

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## **Habitat for Humanity breaks ground for second time in Hinton!**

**Hinton, AB** — Friends of Habitat Edmonton Hinton (FOHEF) committee members and Hinton residents gathered at the future build site on Boutin Avenue to officially kick off the Habitat build by turning sod. This second Habitat build in Hinton will provide four families with the opportunity for a better life.

“Our government is committed to providing affordable housing to all Albertans, and we know that this can only be achieved through strong partnerships,” said Municipal Affairs Minister Greg Weadick. “We are proud to support the work of Habitat for Humanity and the Hinton committee in their united effort to meet the community’s housing needs and bring more home ownership to Alberta’s families.”

“Habitat for Humanity provides housing choice for residents in our community, as a possible first step for families to enter into home ownership,” Mayor Rob Mackin stated. “Hinton is a diverse community that works and builds together—and for me, this spirit is reflected in the time and effort that has gone into the Habitat homes in our town.”

FOHE-Hinton has been diligently preparing to bring more affordable home ownership opportunities to Hinton. The ground breaking denotes the beginning of what will be an exciting opportunity for four local families and for volunteers to join together in the spirit of neighbour-helping-neighbour. bHabitat welcomes volunteers from beginners to professional tradespeople.

"The local Habitat committee is very excited that we're building again in Hinton," said Bill Bulger, Project Leader, FOHEH. "Volunteers are ready to get started with building homes for two families. Our greatest joy will be to give them keys to their own homes."

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 relies on partnerships to serve families in need of adequate housing and is thrilled that the Province of Alberta, Town of Hinton and many others are stepping up to make this build a success.

“It doesn’t seem that long ago that Habitat was in Hinton breaking ground for the first time,” said Alfred Nikolai, President & CEO. “We are very proud to be working alongside the local Habitat committee as they bring lasting change to local families. We look forward to the day when construction begins, but more importantly, to the day when the four families open the doors to their homes for the first time.”

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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 – Hinton (FOHEH) 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 Hinton. Visit [HFH.org](http://HFH.org) for more information.

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