
Press Release

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The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie and Habitat for Humanity celebrate the beginning of project in the City of Grande Prairie.

Eight affordable homes are being constructed for families in the community.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA. A Habitat for Humanity project is currently underway in Grande Prairie thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie and other partners. Four duplexes are currently under construction by KCM Group of Companies, a local homebuilder and partner involved in the project. Partners and supporters joined to celebrate the win for affordable housing in the community at the construction site. Once the project is completed, eight families will own affordable homes; three of the eight families have already been selected by the Habitat committee.

“Habitat was delighted to celebrate alongside our many partners who have been working hard to build affordable homes for families,” said Chris Bruce, Chair of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, the Habitat that oversees the program in Grande Prairie. “We could not be more proud of our partners for investing in their community through the Habitat program. These homes will serve many families in the coming years.”

The Government of Alberta has supported Habitat for Humanity builds across the province for over a decade and clearly understands the priority of affordable housing.

“Alberta’s government recognizes the demand for affordable housing is growing,” said the Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing. “We are pleased to be a partner on this project giving more families access to affordable housing.”

Under the leadership of Mayor Bill Given, the City of Grande Prairie has been a stalwart supporter of affordable housing.

“The City is extremely grateful to welcome back Habitat for Humanity to our community,” said Mayor Bill Given. “We have been long-time supporters of Habitat for Humanity and are excited to add another one of their builds to our area and see the positive impact it will have on so many lives. The partnership between Habitat for Humanity, the City of Grande Prairie, Government of Alberta, CMHC, the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie and our local contractor truly demonstrate the power of working collaboratively to support all residents in our community.”

Through a generous donation of \$980,000, the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie has set a solid future in place for eight local families, and as these families succeed and sell their homes back to Habitat, even more families will benefit.

"The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie is honoured to support our community through this project with Habitat for Humanity," said Tyla Savard, President, Rotary Club of Grande Prairie. "It is exciting to give such an opportunity for families in our community to create an ongoing legacy and to strengthen the community. We are very excited that this project is well underway and look forward to any opportunity that we can roll up our sleeves and pitch in to help out outside of the financial support we have provided. We thank our fellow community partners: the City of Grande Prairie, KCM Group of Companies, and Habitat for Humanity for their part in this project, as our collaboration strengthens our community."

This special partnership includes a local builder who will build the homes, which will allow for families to be in their homes even sooner.

"KCM has been developing communities and building homes in Grande Prairie for over 30 years and we are honoured to be working with Habitat for Humanity on this much needed project here in Grande Prairie," said Andrea Coleman, Accounting Manager at KCM Group of Companies. "Pride of homeownership goes hand-in-hand with the embracing sense of community, and we are happy to contribute to assisting local families along their journey of achieving strength, stability and self-reliance."

Habitat for Humanity and the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie are excited to see the progress on the houses and to welcome the families to their new homes upon its completion.

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About Habitat for Humanity Edmonton

Habitat Edmonton works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, and more financially stable life. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better future for themselves and their families. The Habitat program in Grande Prairie joined with Habitat Edmonton in 2011. For more information about Habitat for Humanity, please visit HFH.org.

About the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie

Grande Prairie is known as Rotary City. The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie was established nearly 70 years ago as the first of four local Rotary clubs. Rotary is a strong force in our community. Members of our four clubs – our Rotaract club (post secondary), multiple Interact clubs (high school) and one of two EarlyAct clubs (K - Grade 8) in North America – we engage members of all ages to be community stewards, develop their leadership skills, and create positive change in our world. Rotary is for everyone! Rotary in Grande Prairie has a long, rich history of community building and collaboration to fundraise and give back through such events and projects as the Dream Home Lottery, Stop Hunger Now, scholarships, grant applications, and donations towards projects like Habitat for Humanity. To learn more about Rotary in our community, visit www.gprotary.com

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