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Two families move into their new Habitat Manitoba homes

Brandon, MANITOBA – Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, Brandon Chapter, officially welcomed two families to their new Habitat homes this morning.

Thanks to the many community partners and volunteers who worked tirelessly to help reach this milestone. These homes will provide stability and security for these families through Habitat's affordable homeownership program, offering families an opportunity to purchase a safe and decent home through a unique financing partnership.

Habitat's path to homeownership is an involved and in-depth process that requires hard work, time and commitment by the future homeowners, all of which helps to strengthen their long-term success.

Through the National Housing Strategy, the Government of Canada has invested \$100,000 into these homes in Brandon, bringing Habitat for Humanity one-step closer to creating 1,117 new affordable homes across Canada.

"The government of Canada is committed to partnering with organizations like Habitat for Humanity to provide safe, affordable homeownership options across the country," said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. "Today we are supporting two young families in Brandon with very different needs, giving each of them the opportunity to own secure homes in which they can grow and thrive. Everyone deserves a safe place to call home, and this is just one example of our government taking action through the National Housing Strategy to address the housing needs of all Canadians."

"Everyone in Canada deserves a safe place to call home," said Kevin Lamoureux, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg North, Manitoba. "Today's announcement will make a real difference in the lives of these hardworking parents and their young children, who now have secure homes they can proudly call their very own. We are working with Habitat to continue providing safe, affordable housing here in Brandon and across the country, and I am proud to see examples such as today's that demonstrate the National Housing Strategy at work."

"We are very pleased to have received this financial support from the federal government as the construction of these two homes would not have been possible without it," says Jamie Hall,

CEO, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba “This investment will have a lasting and positive impact in the community and on the affordable housing crisis we are facing as a nation.”

In March 2023, the Government of Canada and Habitat for Humanity Canada announced an additional \$25 million investment to build 500 new affordable homes across Canada over the next three years. This brings the total federal investment in Habitat for Humanity to \$80.8 million through the Government of Canada’s National Housing Co-Investment Fund.

Since 2014 the Brandon Chapter has built 17 homes for purchase by low-income working families. An additional four homes are under construction and are scheduled to be completed by summer 2024.

About Habitat for Humanity Manitoba

Habitat for Humanity Manitoba (Habitat Manitoba) brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. Habitat homeowners provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives in Canada and around the world. Since 1987, Habitat Manitoba has collaborated with local businesses, organizations, groups and thousands of dedicated volunteers to build homes for over 500 families in the province and Kenora, Ontario. Learn more at habitat.mb.ca.

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