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Home for the holidays: Two Winnipeg families move into new Habitat Manitoba homes

Winnipeg, MANITOBA – This morning, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba officially welcomed two families to their new Habitat homes just in time for them to celebrate and create lasting memories during the holiday season with family and friends.

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.

Recently, Habitat for Humanity Canada released its [2023 Affordable Housing Survey](#) revealing

Canadians' attitudes towards the housing crisis and their growing concerns about the ability to afford housing in this country – for themselves, their children, and generations to come.

Now more than ever Habitat Manitoba and its homeownership program is needed to continue building safe, decent and affordable homes. 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.

"We are thrilled these two families get to gather in their new homes just in time for the holidays in thanks to the incredible generosity of CMHC, sponsors, donors and volunteers," says Jamie Hall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba "The memories they create in their new home this season will be remembered for years to come, and this investment will have a lasting and positive impact on the families and the broader community of Elmwood."

Since 2019, the Government of Canada has made a total funding commitment of \$7,959,000 towards Habitat Manitoba's projects, including this project. This funding

commitment from the National Housing Co-Investment Fund includes a Black Families Funding investment of \$4,283,000.

“As a government we are committed to working with organizations like Habitat for Humanity to ensure that all Canadians have a safe and affordable place to call their own,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. “I am very happy to see these two families get the keys for their new homes today and I wish them the very best as they start this new chapters in their lives.

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.

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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