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Habitat for Humanity Manitoba turns keys over to deserving families in Brandon

Brandon, MANITOBA – The Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, Brandon Chapter, officially handed over the keys to two families today.

Community partners and volunteers worked tirelessly to make this important moment possible. 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.

Since 2019, the Government of Canada has made a total funding commitment of \$8.4M through the Affordable Housing Fund under the National Housing Strategy towards Habitat Manitoba projects, including these homes.

"Organizations like Habitat for Humanity are invaluable partners as we work to tackle the housing crisis and ensure that every Canadian has a safe place to call their own," said The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor. "I am proud that we could support these new homes in Brandon and I wish these families the very best as they start their new chapters."

"We are grateful for this financial support from the federal government as the construction of these two homes would not have been possible without it," said Jamie Hall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Manitoba "This investment will have a lasting and positive impact in the Brandon community and on the affordable housing crisis Canada is in the midst of."

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 19 homes for purchase by low-income working families. An additional four homes are under construction with two scheduled for completion this fall and two scheduled for completion by summer 2025.

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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