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The Dream of Homeownership Becomes Reality for Minto Area Family

Fredericton, NB – A family of eight in the Minto area will be celebrating the holidays in their safe, decent, affordable Habitat for Humanity home this year. Construction of their new five-bedroom home is now complete and the family has been happily settling in.

Plans for this project began in 2021 when the Municipality of Grand Lake kindly donated a vacant lot to Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick (Habitat NB) in the Minto area. Acquisition of suitable land is always an important first step to construction of Habitat for Humanity homes and is often one of the significant challenges faced. As part of Habitat NB's ongoing youth engagement efforts, discussions with Minto Memorial High School also began at that time to explore options for involving local area students in construction of this home. The teachers and students of Minto Memorial welcomed the opportunity to be a part of this project and did an amazing job constructing walls for the home.

"We were so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with the Municipality of Grand Lake and Minto Memorial High School on this project," says Perry Kendall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick. "It is wonderful to work with communities who are committed to supporting efforts to improve living situations for families in need of affordable, suitable housing".

Projects like this simply would not be possible without the support of Habitat NB's donors, partners and volunteers. As with several other New Brunswick home builds in recent months, the Government of Canada was a significant partner in construction of this home.

"Through the National Housing Strategy, and alongside partners like Habitat for Humanity, we are working to make sure that all Canadians have a safe and affordable place to call home," said Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. "I am incredibly proud to see the impact of our work and partnership here in Minto, with a young family starting an exciting new chapter in their new home. I wish them the very best."

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 federal government's National Housing Co-Investment Fund.

It is support such as this that allows Habitat NB to build a solid foundation for families in communities throughout our province.

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About Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick

Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick is a non-profit charitable organization working towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable home ownership. For more information, please visit <http://www.habitatnb.ca>,