

## Media Release

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### For Immediate Release

The Dream of Affordable Homeownership Will Soon be Reality for Two Miramichi Families!

Miramichi, NB – Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick (Habitat NB) will hold a dedication ceremony today for two families moving into homes nearing completion in the next few weeks.

Construction of this duplex began last November, following the donation of a vacant lot from the City of Miramichi to Habitat NB. Acquisition of suitable land is always a significant first step to construction of Habitat for Humanity homes and is often one of the major hurdles faced.

As construction comes to a close on these first two houses, work is just beginning on a second, neighboring duplex, following a decision by the City to donate an additional lot.

“We are so pleased to have this opportunity to partner with the City of Miramichi on these much needed houses,” says Perry Kendall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick. “It is wonderful to work with municipalities that are committed to supporting the necessary efforts to improve living situations for families in need of safe, affordable housing. By working together, we can help many more families achieve affordable homeownership.”

Through the ongoing support of donors, partners and volunteers, Habitat NB is committed to having an even greater impact on rectifying the critical lack of affordable housing in New Brunswick. As with several other recent New Brunswick home builds, the support of the Government of Canada has played an integral role in the construction of these latest houses.

Since 2019, the Government of Canada has made a total funding commitment of \$1.6M through the Affordable Housing Fund under the National Housing Strategy towards Habitat New Brunswick 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 place to call their own,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities. “I am proud that we could support these new houses and I wish the families who will turn them into homes the very best as they start their new chapters.”

In March of 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 Affordable Housing Fund.

Applications are now being accepted for the second duplex on Water Street. For more information, and/or to obtain an application, please visit: <https://habitatnb.ca/apply-for-homeownership>.

In addition to the much-needed affordable homes being built in the city, Habitat NB will soon be opening a Habitat ReStore in Miramichi. While the exact date will be announced in coming weeks, the

ReStore is slated to open in Summer of 2024 at 2368 King George Highway. More information to follow on this initiative.

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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>,