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Press Release:

Habitat for Humanity Home Dedications: Celebrating 4 Fredericton families in new homes

Fredericton, NB – Today Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick officially welcomed four families into their new homes with a dedication ceremony along with a barbeque to thank its many partners, donors and volunteers who contributed to this build project. These duplexes will provide stability and security for these families through Habitat's affordable homeownership program.

Habitat provides working families with an opportunity to purchase a safe and decent home by partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Our path to homeownership requires hard work, time and dedication by the future homeowners, which helps to ensure their long-term success. Families complete 500 partnership hours and pay an affordable mortgage geared to income.

"We are very happy to see these families in their new affordable and energy efficient homes that meet the needs of their family. It has also been wonderful to see so many volunteers from the community assisting on these home builds." – Perry Kendall, CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick

Since 2019, the federal government has made a total funding commitment of \$1,375,744 towards Habitat New Brunswick (formerly Habitats Fredericton Area, Moncton and Saint John) projects, including these new homes. This funding commitment from the National Housing Co-Investment Fund includes a Black Families Funding investment of \$306,165.

Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Through the National Housing Co-Investment Fund, the Government of Canada is building vibrant and prosperous communities for Canadians here in Fredericton, and across the country. Thanks to today's announcement and in partnership with Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick, four deserving families have achieved their dream of owning a home – homes they can proudly call their own. I hope that they find great happiness in their new homes. – **The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion**

"The Government of Canada is dedicated to continuing its work to uphold the right to adequate housing, which is why we are working hard with our partners to provide not only safe and affordable housing but also to strengthen our communities. Congratulations to the four families moving into these new homes today in Fredericton. This is the Government of Canada's National Housing Strategy at work." – **Jenica Atwin, Member of Parliament for Fredericton**



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This was Habitat for Humanity in New Brunswick's first public event since its recent amalgamation. As a stronger, more sustainable organization, **Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick** will be focused on increasing its impact through a stronger voice for affordable housing in New Brunswick, building more homes and helping many more families achieve affordable homeownership.

Habitat New Brunswick has eight home builds planned and/or in progress for this year across the province. It also has other important plans including a brand new "homeowner education program" for future Habitat homeowners as well as increased affordable housing advocacy efforts.

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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 brings communities together to help families build strength, stability & independence through affordable homeownership.

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