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Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex Dedicates 83rd Home and brings another Family Home for the Holidays

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Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex (HFHWE) invited the community to attend their home Dedication Ceremony just in time for the Holidays – the 83rd Habitat build project in the Windsor-Essex Region.

With addresses from politicians, Habitat representatives, and the new homeowner, this family was welcomed home to the vibrant community of Ford City.

This family built their home with 81 volunteers and corporate build teams who donated 898 hours of their time and labour to make their dream of affordable, permanent, homeownership a reality. These homes are funded in part through the Government of Canada's National Housing Co-Investment Fund, administered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Funding such as this allows Habitat to scale up building projects, serving more families.

"Through strong partnerships with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, we are ensuring that every Canadian has a safe place to call home," said Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh, Ontario. "The federal government is committed to investing in more affordable homeownership options across the country, including right here in Ford City. I am pleased to welcome this family into their new home today and I wish them all the 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 Government of Canada's National Housing Co-Investment Fund.

"Habitat's model is unlike any other affordable housing option." Habitat homeowners help build their own homes and purchase them through a zero-interest mortgage geared to their income. This allows families to build equity for their future and helps reverse the cycle of

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We build strength, stability, self-reliance *and* shelter.

poverty.” states Lindsay Lovecky, Board Chair, HFHWE. “We know this works for families, and we know that for every \$1 invested in Habitat for Humanity there is a \$4 return to the community.” Lovecky adds.

Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex is currently building two additional homes in Windsor’s historic Sandwich Towne neighbourhood, with plans to break ground on three more houses in that community in 2024.

Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex’s mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. You can support Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex by donating or shopping at the Habitat Restore ReStore located at 51 Edinborough Street in Windsor. Visit habitatwindsor.org for more information.

About Habitat for Humanity Canada Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. With the help of volunteers, Habitat homeowners and 48 local Habitats working in every province and territory, we provide a solid foundation for better, healthier lives in Canada and around the world. Habitat for Humanity Canada is a member of Habitat for Humanity International, which was established in 1976 and has grown to become a leading global non-profit working in more than 70 countries.

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