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Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex Dedicate their 84th and 85th Home Builds on Family Day

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Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex welcomed the community to celebrate the dedication of two homes and their new homeowners in Sandwich Town in a Family Day dedication celebration on Monday. These Habitat homes are the first two of five homes to be built in the neighbourhood.

With addresses from local politicians, Habitat representatives, and the new homeowners themselves, these families were welcomed home to Historic Sandwich Towne.

Since 2019, the Government of Canada through the Affordable Housing Fund has made a total funding commitment of \$884,000 towards Habitat Windsor-Essex projects, including this project.

"The partnership between the federal government and organizations like Habitat for Humanity plays a vital role in ensuring that every Canadian has a safe place to call home," said Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor—Tecumseh. "Today's announcement is another example of the historic housing investments our government is making in Windsor through the National Housing Strategy. I wish these two young families all the best as they settle in to new homes they can proudly call their own."

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 Affordable Housing Fund.

“Habitat’s model is unlike any other affordable housing option,” states Lindsay Lovecky, Board Chair, HFHWE. “Families work with Habitat to build their own homes and purchase them through a mortgage that is geared to their income. This allows families to build equity for their future and helps reverse the cycle of poverty,” Lovecky adds.

“We are very pleased that our Partnership on these build projects, with Build Sponsor, BK Cornerstone has been a great success,” says Fiona Coughlin, CEO, HFHWE. “The housing crisis is a monumental challenge. Partnership is the key to tackling this challenge,” Coughlin adds.

Today, Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex (HFHWE) invited the media and public to attend the Dedication Ceremony for two solo parent families; Sam and his two children, and Adriana and her two children. These families represent the 84th and 85th families HFHWE have helped to provide a safe, decent, affordable, homeownership option.

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Sam is a dedicated father who loves his children more than anything in the world. His two kids, an 11-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son, both have disabilities that require him to homeschool them full-time. Despite the challenges, Sam is determined to provide his children with the best possible education and a safe, nurturing environment.

Sam advocates tirelessly for his children’s rights, and is always on the lookout for new resources and support; and was thrilled to learn that through a Partnership with Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex, they would be able to build a new home for his family – one that is safe, affordable, and suited to their needs.

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Adriana is a hardworking single mom who had been working at a local non-profit training organization for the past 14 years. She loves her job and is passionate about helping others. Dedicated to her career, Adriana had been challenged to provide an affordable permanent home for her two children, a 10-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old son.

With the help of Habitat volunteers, Adriana and her children will be able to move into a safe, new home that will have enough space for her family, with three bedrooms, a backyard, and a front porch. Adriana is thrilled to finally have the opportunity to provide a stable and secure home for her family.

Habitat for Humanity Windsor Essex

Founded in 1994, Habitat for Humanity Windsor-Essex is a non-profit community service organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Our 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. For more information, please visit www.habitatwindsor.org

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