



HABITAT VICTORIA PRESENTS FOUR LOCAL FAMILIES WITH KEYS TO THEIR NEW HOMES

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Saanich, BC: Habitat for Humanity Victoria held a key ceremony today to present four local families with the keys to their new home at 4000 Cedar Hill Cross Road. The four-unit townhome complex, started in October 2014, is anticipated to be completed later this month. Donors, sponsors, volunteers and other Habitat supporters gathered at the build site to celebrate this milestone and tour the new homes alongside of the four benefitting families.

"It has been so humbling and gratifying to see a community come together in this way to provide a 'hand-up' to local families in need of safe, affordable housing," enthused Habitat Victoria's executive director Yolanda Meijer. "Soon these families will be making memories in their very own homes."

Every Habitat partner family purchases their home at the full fair market value. Habitat's program makes owning these entry-level homes possible through a no-interest, no down payment mortgage, and monthly payments that do not exceed 30% of a family's gross household income. Habitat assesses each applicant family based on three key criteria:

- Willingness to partner with Habitat, including a contribution of 500 hours of volunteering;
- Meeting the financial criteria (ability to re-pay the interest free loan); and
- Living in need – their current home is not suitable or is unsafe.

"Owning a home is so much more than a place to keep your possessions," said Meghan, one of Habitat's newest partner families. "I feel very blessed to be able to have a home to provide my boys the safety and security they deserve."

Habitat Victoria is grateful to the many contributors to the Cedar Hill Cross Road project, including the District of Saanich, RBC Foundation, Camosun College, a bequest from the Hugh & Helen Mogensen Fund of the Victoria Foundation, the CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund and the Victoria Real Estate Board, and all its volunteers and in-kind supporters.

Please contact us for more information on this or any Habitat Victoria project, becoming a Habitat Victoria partner family, how to volunteer, or about the Habitat for Humanity Victoria ReStores, which accept donations of and offer for sale quality new and used building supplies and home goods at deeply discounted prices.

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Habitat for Humanity Victoria is a local registered charity working in tandem with affiliated Habitat organizations across Canada and internationally towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. It mobilizes volunteers and a range of partners to build simple, decent housing to provide low-income families in our community with access to affordable homeownership.

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