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Two families receive keys to their new Habitat homes

Sarnia, ON, December 8, 2023 – New homes in the Lambton Shores (Forest) community will soon be the pride and joy of two families thanks to Habitat for Humanity Sarnia/Lambton and their community partners and volunteers. These homes will provide stability and security for Abdullah and Badour and Hamza and Najah and their families through Habitat’s affordable homeownership program. Abdullah and Badour have two children and can’t wait to have a place to call their own. Hamza and Najah have three children and are extremely thankful for everything Habitat has done to help their family.

“Thank you very much for your efforts and volunteers in achieving our dream. Each of my family members hopes to settle in a safe and warm home. It is a dream, or we can say a miracle and luck from God. I’m looking forward for my kids to have their own room and we are happy to have a place to call home. I’m thankful for Habitat and God for making this happen.” – Hamza, new Habitat homeowner

“It’s a wonderful and magical season and we at Habitat Sarnia/Lambton couldn’t be happier to hand over the keys to these two families just before Christmas,” said David Waters, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Sarnia/Lambton. “With affordable housing in Lambton County at an all-time low, Habitat Sarnia/Lambton will continue to be an active proponent for change, advancement and social change with a mindset towards affordable housing here in our local community.”

Through the National Housing Strategy, the Government of Canada has invested \$100,000 into these homes in Forest, bringing Habitat for Humanity one-step closer to creating 1,117 affordable homes across Canada.

“The federal government is committed to working with partners like Habitat for Humanity to ensure that all Canadians have a safe and affordable place to call their own,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. “I am proud that we supported these homes and am thrilled to see these two families get their keys today. I wish them happiness and success as they start this new chapter in their lives.”

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 Sarnia/Lambton would like to thank the many generous supporters who helped turn these homes into a reality for the two families, including the Government of Canada and Lambton Shores (Forest).

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