



Premier Welcomes New Habitat Families!

At the dedication ceremony on June 23rd, Habitat for Humanity Yukon celebrated the construction of two new affordable homes at 13 and 15 Eldorado Drive in Whistle Bend and honoured the sponsors, donors and the many volunteers involved in these builds.



“Achieving housing stability is one of the most significant factors in breaking the cycle of poverty, so we are deeply appreciative of the community’s generous support for these two families,” Arthur Mitchell, President, Habitat for Humanity Yukon said. “Our success is due, in large part to the exceptional support we receive from the Yukon government, local and national businesses and our volunteers”.

“It is a real pleasure to welcome these families to their new homes and to this neighbourhood,” Premier Darrell Pasloski said. “Homeownership is a great accomplishment and I congratulate the new owners on achieving this milestone, and thank all volunteers and sponsors for their hard work. The Government of Yukon is proud of the fact that no other government in Canada provides Habitat for Humanity with the level of support that we do here at home.”



“Our family never dreamed that we could own our own home,” homeowner, Jeff Wolsynuk said. “Habitat for Humanity has made a big difference in our lives.”

A team of Habitat for Humanity Canada Builds volunteers were present for the event. Through this program, volunteers from across Canada come together to assist in the construction of homes in

various locations. “The Yukon build has been wonderful,” John Roe, Canada Builds team leader said. “Not only did we help provide safe, decent and affordable homeownership for deserving families, we also learned about the First Nation cultures of this beautiful land.”

To read more about the event, here are some links to the media coverage:

- Yukon News: <http://www.yukon-news.com/news/habitat-for-humanity-yukon-celebrates-new-homes/>
- CBC North: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/whitehorse-yukon-habitat-for-humanity-wolsynuk-housing-1.3651632>
- CKRW: <http://www.ckrw.com/news/local-news/habitat-for-humanity-yukon-celebrates-completion-of-latest-project/>
- CBC Northbeat: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/712566851506> (21:30 into broadcast)

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The first of many Canada Builds teams arrived in Whitehorse last week to help with finishing the landscaping at our homes in Whistle Bend. The team worked hard on setting the grade, moving gravel and topsoil, planting trees and shrubs and laying the sod. They accomplished a lot of work in just one week and it was great to have their help. As part on their time with us, they also had an opportunity to learn about our First Nations cultures with trips to the *Kwaday Dan Kenji* (Long Ago People's Place) cultural interpretive center and the *Da Ky Cultural* and the *Kluane Park Visitor Centres* in Haines Junction.

