
Homeownership Opportunities Bring Stability and Hope to Four NWT Families Habitat for Humanity Northwest Territories Hosts Key Ceremony for New Homeowners

YELLOWKNIFE (May 30, 2026) Habitat for Humanity Northwest Territories (HFHNT) celebrated four family's journeys into affordable home ownership in a heartwarming ceremony held in Yellowknife and attended by supporters, donors, family members and other special guests and dignitaries. This marks HFHNT's largest build to date and is the 11th home built in five years. Families moved into their homes in late 2025, but this official key ceremony was postponed until warmer weather.

Major funding contributions included a total Federal investment of \$ \$1,179,467 through the Northern Carve Out and the Affordable Housing Fund and Housing NWT donated a building lot valued at more than \$400,000, contributed \$200,000 in capital funding (\$50,000 per unit) and pre-development funds of \$400,000. The Tachane Foundation, Habitat for Humanity Canada's Indigenous Housing Partnership fund, Century 21 Yellowknife, Elks Lodge #314, and the Yellowknife Community Foundation also provided generous capital contributions, while the City of Yellowknife provided relief on permit fees. Local businesses and contractors provided generous discounts on goods and services totalling more than \$120,000.

"A safe and affordable home gives families the foundation they need to thrive. Our government is proud to support Habitat for Humanity Northwest Territories with over \$1.1 million to support their largest build to date! I want to pass on my sincere congratulations to the families and to everyone involved who made this wonderful project possible." – The Honourable Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Member of Parliament for Northwest Territories on behalf of the Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada.

"Today, four families will become homeowners, a significant milestone given the current state of the housing market in the NWT. Each individual and family who moves into stable housing not only gains a secure place to call home but also helps ease pressure on our limited housing supply and benefits the entire system. By providing the building lots and increased the capital funding, the Government of the Northwest Territories is continuing our investment in community-led solutions like this one. Working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity NWT, we are creating more homes for Northerners and advancing our commitment to improving access to safe, suitable and affordable housing." – Minister Lucy Kuptana, Minister responsible for Housing NWT.

"Today is a celebration of possibility, stability, and a brighter future for four deserving families. Homeownership provides more than just a roof over one's head – it creates a foundation for children to thrive, families to build financial security, and communities to grow stronger. At a time when northern communities continue to face a significant housing crisis, the need for safe, affordable housing has never been greater. We are proud to welcome these families into their new homes and to be part of a solution that helps make homeownership possible in the Northwest Territories. I also want to say a huge thank you to the local contractors, businesses and tradespeople who stepped up to donate services, time and materials to make this incredible project possible." – Alayna Ward, Executive Director, HFHNT.

Habitat for Humanity's unique model of affordable homeownership offers [eligible families](#) an opportunity to own their own home, with no down payment required and no interest charged on the principal, potentially saving hundreds of thousands of dollars over the life of home ownership. Homeowners contribute 500 volunteer hours and pay all other home costs including home maintenance, property taxes and utilities.

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