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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERS WITH THE CITY OF CORNER BROOK TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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On June 16th, 2016, Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador (HFHNL) and the City of Corner Brook will be hosting a *Groundbreaking Ceremony* to commence the first home project in Corner Brook. This housing project, planned by the HFHNL, and supported by a donation of land by the City of Corner Brook will provide affordable housing for two families.

Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador Inc., is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity Canada. Incorporated as a charitable non-profit organization in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1994. Habitat NL assists hard-working families achieve home ownership by mobilizing local communities, volunteers, materials and financial resources through supportive, wide ranging partnerships. To date they have built over 50 homes for families in Newfoundland and Labrador

As a result of this partnership between HFHNL and the City of Corner Brook, these new homes will change the lives and the futures of two families for generations to come by providing them with a safe and stable place to live.

Quotes:

"We appreciate the partnership and support of Habitat for Humanity. This organization provides more than shelter; it provides stability, security and dignity. Affordable housing is an important part of the social and economic infrastructure and is a part of building a Complete City. We are building a Corner Brook where people have access to jobs, arts and culture, beautiful recreation and green spaces, transit, homes, and enjoy an unrivalled quality of life."

– Charles Pender, Mayor, City of Corner Brook

"This is only the beginning," affordable, sustainable housing continues to be an issue across Newfoundland and Labrador. Here at Habitat, we mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. We are pleased and excited to be starting a Build project in Corner Brook."

– Sandra Whiffen, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador



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"We are so excited that Mayor Pender and the Council share Habitat's vision of a world and a city where everyone has a safe, decent and affordable place to call home. Habitat NL is thrilled to work with all municipalities and are looking forward to building the relationship with Corner Brook. We have the opportunity to build a home which will change the lives of those people in our community that need a hand up as the work to outcome the challenge of trying to put food on the table and a roof over their head. "

– Miranda Gosse, Chair, Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador

"Affordable housing is important. The current Council should be proud of their outstanding leadership in taking an active role when it comes to affordable housing. These new units are more than just safe and affordable places to live we are providing a hand up to local residents in need, instead of a handout. We are happy to donate the land for Habitat to realize their vision of everyone having a safe, decent, and affordable place to live."

– Deputy Mayor, Bernd Staeben

"I am absolutely delighted to welcome Habitat for Humanity to Corner Brook during the 60th Anniversary. Habitat will turn a vacant lot into a wonderful new home for two very deserving families. I hope this is the first step in an enduring and innovative partnership between the City of Corner Brook and an organization known over North America for creating partnerships that create perpetually affordable housing units."

– Councillor Mary Ann Murphy, Chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee

Quick Facts

- The City of Corner Brook has donated the land for a Habitat build.
- Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organisation that has helped to build over 500,000 decent, affordable houses and served 2.5 million people worldwide. Their Vision is: A world where everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to live.
- Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses alongside our homeowner partner families.
- In addition to monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest 300 to 500 hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.
- Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are the heart of the organization. The volunteers build the houses, raise funds, work in our administrative offices, provide lunch for volunteers at the work site, work at our Home Centers and do many other tasks.



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- [City of Corner Brook](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity Canada](#)
- [Ways to Donate](#)

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