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## **Yukon government donates second Whistle Bend duplex lot to Habitat for Humanity**

WHITEHORSE—The Minister of Community Services and Yukon Housing Corporation Brad Cathers announced today that the second Habitat for Humanity Yukon duplex in Whistle Bend will be constructed for low-income families on lots donated by the Yukon government.

"Progress continues on the construction of Habitat for Humanity Yukon's duplex in Phase One," Cathers said. "With the completion of the second phase of the Whistle Bend subdivision, and the donation of these new lots, home ownership will become a reality for two more families."

Since 2005, the territorial government has made land available to Habitat for Humanity Yukon to help the non-profit organization provide 13 families with affordable, sustainable home ownership.

"We thank the Yukon government for providing these duplex lots in Phase Two of Whistle Bend," Habitat for Humanity Yukon president Arthur Mitchell said. "We value our unique partnership with Community Services and the Yukon Housing Corporation. These new lots will allow us and our many volunteers and community business sponsors to provide healthy, affordable home ownership to two more deserving Yukon families."

When complete, the Whistle Bend subdivision will provide accommodation for more than 8,000 residents in nearly 3,900 housing units with full transit service, space for parks and commercial developments, green space and paved and unpaved trails.

Current land development information is available at [www.community.gov.yk.ca](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca).

For more information on Habitat for Humanity Yukon, visit [www.habitatyukon.org](http://www.habitatyukon.org).

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### **Backgrounder**

For 2013/14, the Yukon government has allocated a near-record budget for land development of more than \$30.7 million, including \$25.5 million for the completion of Phases One and Two of Whistle Bend, planning for Phases Three to Seven, and land development projects in other Yukon communities.

Habitat for Humanity Yukon is a not-for-profit organization that was officially established in September 2004 to provide affordable housing through home ownership.

Since 2005, Habitat for Humanity Yukon and the Government of Yukon have partnered to make home ownership possible for low-income Yukon families who would otherwise not qualify for a regular mortgage.

The Yukon government has also provided free construction consulting services and guidance on building energy-efficient structures on Habitat for Humanity construction projects.

A territorial budget allocation covers the development and provision cost of the Habitat for Humanity lots in Whistle Bend and is not reflected in the cost of the other lots available to the public.

Habitat for Humanity-Yukon government partnerships:

- 2013 – Duplex, Lots 235 and 236, Whistle Bend
- 2012 – Duplex, Lots 32 and 33, Whistle Bend
- 2012 – Triplex, Lot 135, Ingram
- 2011 – Triplex, 810 Wheeler Street, Downtown
- 2010 – Duplex, Keewenaw Drive, Copper Ridge
- 2006 – Single family unit, Kodiak Place, Copper Ridge

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