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SuperGreen Triplex Progressing for Habitat for Humanity

WHITEHORSE – Whitehorse residents were treated to a tour today of the latest Habitat for Humanity housing project. The triplex, named Phoenix Rising, is a partnership between Habitat for Humanity, Yukon Housing Corporation and Yukon College.

Habitat for Humanity brings together local organizations and volunteers to build homes with the future owners. The donated services, time and materials make it possible for recipients to afford home ownership when they could not have otherwise have achieved it.

"Yukon Housing Corporation is proud to be part of this affordable housing project," Minister responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation Jim Kenyon said. "The SuperGreen construction means that the future homeowners will benefit from a healthier indoor environment and from significant savings on operating costs."

Yukon Housing Corporation donated the land to Habitat for Humanity and is paying the additional cost to build to the SuperGreen energy standard. All new Yukon Housing Corporation housing projects are being constructed to SuperGreen standards, which meet an EnerGuide rating of 85 or better. Building SuperGreen ensures that the home is well insulated, air tight, well ventilated and is independently certified to meet a prescribed level of excellence in energy use and air quality.

"This project is a wonderful example of how Habitat for Humanity can bring together government agencies such as Yukon Housing Corporation and educational institutions such as Yukon College," Habitat for Humanity Yukon society president Todd Hardy said. "Together, and with support from businesses and individuals, we are fulfilling Habitat for Humanity's mandate to build clean, affordable housing for those who may never become homeowners without our assistance."

Phoenix Rising is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy by November 2010. The roof has been shingled, the building is insulated and the new quadruple windows have been installed. Yukon Housing Corporation is providing expertise in SuperGreen technology. The construction has been led by Yukon College through its pre-employment and apprenticeship programs in carpentry, electrical and plumbing. To date, eight students who worked on the project have completed the five-month long pre-carpentry program at Yukon College.

"Yukon College is honoured to have been a part of this innovative, green, socially conscious partnership project," Yukon College's vice-president of education and training Karen Barnes said. "Building partnerships that contribute skilled workers to the Yukon labour force assists us with fulfilling our objectives as a community college. Through such partnerships we add value to our students' educational experiences, local business and the social fabric of Yukon."

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