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### **Habitat for Humanity Calgary Hosts Second Open House for Proposed Monklands Development in Airdrie Prior to Final Council Hearing**

Airdrie, Alberta – Habitat for Humanity Calgary will host a second Open House for their proposed Monklands Development in Airdrie, AB on Tuesday, January 26, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Airdrie City Hall. Information boards detailing the proposed development will be on display and Habitat for Humanity team members will be on hand to respond to questions.

The proposed Monklands development is situated on 2.37 acres of City-owned undeveloped land adjacent to Ralph McCall School and the Monklands Soccer Park in Airdrie. The proposed residential development includes a multi-family component to provide 'attainable' housing to hard-working low income families in the surrounding area.

A Public Hearing for the development was held December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The hearing was stayed at the request of Council pending further winter condition traffic studies pertaining to the adjacent school. The final Council Hearing will be held February 1, 2010 to review the additional traffic studies prior to the decision by Council.

“We are excited to provide the Community an additional opportunity to learn more about the Monklands Development and how the presence of Habitat homes makes neighborhoods stronger. By giving a hand up, not a hand out, we work to end poverty housing by creating opportunities for homeownership in partnership with working, low-income families, and by making safe, decent, affordable shelter a matter of community conscience and action,” states Andrew MacLachlan, President & CEO.

He adds, “I have met with and spoken to many Airdrie residents who are extremely supportive of the project and we feel that it is an ideal community for Habitat families to call home. Let’s make Airdrie a YIMBY community! Yes, In My Back Yard.”

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*Calgary Habitat for Humanity Society is a non-profit, faith-based organization working for a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Our mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.*

*The Calgary affiliate organization was founded in 1990, is a member of Habitat for Humanity Canada, and part of a worldwide network that spans 93 countries, has built over 300,000 homes, and is now building a new home every 10 minutes.*