



## Media Release

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### Celebrate Housing Month in Edmonton

**Edmonton** – It starts with home. November is Housing Month in the Edmonton area, and for the past decade, our community, management bodies, funders, housing providers, and social service organizations have been working together to raise awareness about the importance of affordable housing.

The website [housingmonth.ca](http://housingmonth.ca) is now live. This site shares information about Housing Month events happening throughout our community as well as key facts and figures on its importance and its need.

“For thousands of people, children and families in the Edmonton region, we are the way home,” says Greg Dewling, CEO of Capital Region Housing. “Housing Month is a time for celebration, a time for reflection and a time for continued collaboration. We implore each person, each family, each community to come together and celebrate the shared vision to create not just a place to live, but a place where those we serve are proud to call home.”

41% of City of Edmonton renters (47,055 households) live in unaffordable housing. That means they spend more than 30% of their household income on housing costs.

“Home is more than just a roof over one’s head,” says Susan McGee, CEO of Homeward Trust Edmonton. “It’s the foundation for someone to build a better life, and it’s the foundation for a healthy community. We must not only celebrate the work being done around affordable and attainable housing, but we, as a community, need to be vigilant about continuing that work to reach our goal of ending homelessness.”

There are several ways to participate in Housing Month:

- Attend an event, listed at [housingmonth.ca](http://housingmonth.ca), with more events being added every week.
- Share information with friends, neighbours, and co-workers.
- Share resources with business, community groups, or faith organizations.

Follow on social media: #YEGHousingMonth and #ItStartsWithHome

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