



## **Habitat for Humanity – Heartland Ontario celebrates the completion of the Inspiring Possibilities build with Community Living London**

May 9, 2016 - **London, ON** - Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario and Community Living London worked together to build two homes side by side for five gentlemen to call their own. David, Steve, Paul, Dwight, and Bile, supported by Community Living London, are about to move into these brand new homes on Forbes Street.

On May 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. the community is invited to celebrate with these gentlemen as they receive the keys to their homes. This celebration marks the end of the first partnership of its kind between Community Living London and Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario.

“We are thrilled to have partnered with Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario to build these two homes together. The support from the London community has been outstanding. These homes were made possible with the help of teams who came out to build, trades people who volunteered their time, donors of supplies and equipment as well as restaurants and CLL supporters who provided lunches. We cannot thank everyone enough for making a dream become a reality,” said Michelle Palmer, Executive Director, Community Living London. “As Paul, one of the gentlemen moving into the home, said at the ground-breaking ceremony, this is a new beginning for all of us”.

London Life was the title sponsor for these builds and in addition to a financial gift, also sent in excess of 100 volunteers to the site to help physically build the homes.

“Having a home to call one’s own has many benefits, including pride in ownership and a sense of belonging. This benefits not only the resident, but the community, as well,” said Dr. Bruce Empringham, Vice-President & Medical Director, London Life. “We’re proud to support Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario as they partner with community organizations and members to build a stronger London. Congratulations to the five men who can now call these houses their homes.”

The Habitat team has enjoyed collaborating with Community Living London to Inspire Possibilities and build two homes for the five gentlemen, according to Jeff Duncan, CEO Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario.

“We are proud of what we have achieved together,” he said. “This is the third time in Canada that a Habitat affiliate has worked with a Community Living organization to build more inclusive, stronger communities. We look forward to working together on future projects because we believe everyone should have the keys to a safe and decent place to live.”

Please come and celebrate with us!

**Who:** Community Living London and Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario

**What:** Inspiring Possibilities Build – Dedication Ceremony

**Where:** Forbes Street between MacKay Ave. and Winston Ave.

**When:** May 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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### **About Community Living London**

Community Living London, in collaboration with families and the community, is a registered charity dedicated to supporting people with development disabilities to live fulfilled lives. We believe in the inherent value of all people and that everyone has the right to fully participate in their community – to live, go to school, work, play and be active in [retirement](#). Valued People • Inclusive Community.

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### **About Habitat for Humanity – Heartland Ontario**

To mobilize volunteers and partners in providing opportunities for families to achieve affordable and sustainable homeownership as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty, and strengthening communities.

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