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The RESOLVE Campaign helps two affordable-housing complexes pay off their mortgages

Calgary, Alberta, May 9, 2016– On Saturday, May 7, 2016 the Calgary Homeless Foundation, The Mustard Seed and the RESOLVE Campaign hosted a community celebration and barbeque to shred the mortgages of two affordable housing complexes in Calgary.

Thanks to contributions from several generous donors to the RESOLVE Campaign, the Calgary Homeless Foundation's Acadia Place and The Mustard Seed's Beltline Apartment are now mortgage-free.

Calgary Homeless Foundation's Acadia Place offers 58 permanent supportive homes to singles and families. Generous donations for Acadia Place to pay off the mortgage were received from An Anonymous Donor; An Anonymous Donor at Calgary Foundation; Canadian Oil Sands Limited; and KAIROS Calgary.

"We are partners in the RESOLVE Campaign because the only way to end homelessness is to ensure people have places to call home that are safe, secure and affordable," said Diana Krecsy, President and CEO of Calgary Homeless Foundation. "This is a significant step towards furthering much needed affordable housing in our city and it would not have been possible without the generosity of government partners and fellow Calgarians," Krecsy added.

The Mustard Seed received a generous donation from the same anonymous donor – which came through the Calgary Foundation to RESOLVE – to pay off the mortgage on a 20-unit apartment building in downtown Calgary. Previously in January, 2011, the Alberta Government's Housing and Urban Affairs program contributed just over \$2 million toward the purchase price of nearly \$3 million.

"Our residents are paying less in rent because of this compassionate gift," said Stephen Wile, CEO of The Mustard Seed. "This is exactly the kind of step forward that helps people experiencing poverty make sustainable change in their lives. We are so grateful to this anonymous donor and others who are helping transform lives and demonstrating compassion to all Calgarians."

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About RESOLVE

RESOLVE is a tangible and measurable step in helping end homelessness – and the affordable housing crisis – in Calgary. RESOLVE’s mission is to raise \$120 million to build affordable, sustainable housing for 3,000 homeless and vulnerable Calgarians. Nine respected and established Calgary social agencies have partnered with government, business and community leaders, all resolving to make Calgary a better home – for everyone. Visit resolvecampaign.com for more information.

About CHF

The Calgary Homeless Foundation is a catalyst and enabler for Systems and Service Agencies to optimize client success. As the System Planner for Calgary’s Homeless-Serving System of Care, CHF focuses on research and development, mobilization of knowledge and best practices to support and expand community responses to ending homelessness, funding (outcomes & impact) and increasing public and political awareness and will to take collective action on ending homelessness. CHF is committed to moving forward in partnership with the many homeless-serving agencies, the private sector, government partners, the faith community, other foundations and all Calgarians to end homelessness in Calgary. For more information, visit calgaryhomeless.com

About The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is a Christian charitable organization that builds community, grows hope and supports change for people who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. It provides basic services, including meals, clothing, and shelter, as well as long-term solutions and support services such as housing, employment, health and wellness, and spiritual guidance. Founded in 1984, The Mustard Seed has been changing lives for 30 years. For more information visit TheSeed.ca. Visit 1010Centre.ca to learn more about the 224-unit affordable housing initiative.

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