

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**RESOLVE Campaign's last year of fundraising advanced by \$2 million gift from Canadian Natural to support affordable housing in Calgary**

**CALGARY, May 23, 2017** – Kicking off its final year, the RESOLVE Campaign is pleased to announce a \$2 million donation from Canadian Natural Resources Limited (Canadian Natural) to this first-of-its-kind collaborative Campaign. This gift will help provide urgently needed affordable rental housing with support services for homeless and vulnerable Calgarians.

The RESOLVE Campaign has entered its final year of fundraising for the nine Partner agencies, and the need for affordable and supported rental housing in our city remains urgent. Canadian Natural's gift will help to provide affordable rental homes for some of Calgary's most vulnerable people, including: chronically homeless individuals with a high level of need; people with mental and/or physical health challenges; people with mobility issues; people experiencing addiction; women, families, seniors, and youth; the working poor; people transitioning back into the community from the justice system; and others with a variety of needs.

This gift will be shared equally among RESOLVE's nine Partner agencies. The funds will be used for the Partners' designated RESOLVE projects, including building new affordable and supported rental homes, and paying off existing mortgages to ensure affordable rents can be offered on a sustainable basis.

"Canadian Natural has a strong commitment to supporting the communities and organizations where we live and work," said Steve Laut, president of Canadian Natural. "As a Calgary-based company, we are proud to be contributing to this unique collaboration between agencies, governments, and businesses that will enhance the support and services provided to meet the needs of vulnerable Calgarians"

To-date, the Campaign has raised enough money to provide 1,403 Calgarians with a key to a home with the support they need to begin rebuilding their lives.

"The Campaign continues to gain momentum, thanks to the commitment of generous community leaders like Canadian Natural," says Sheryl Barlage. "We are so thankful for the support from Canadian Natural. This gift has provided RESOLVE a significant push forward and we hope that more members of the community will follow suit to help us get the rest of our projects in the ground. There are still thousands of Calgarians without a safe place to sleep at night and, together, we can make Calgary a better home for everyone."

Canadian Natural's gift to RESOLVE is an example of community leadership and their commitment to making a tangible difference in the community they work and serve in. The donation to RESOLVE will help to ensure that vulnerable Calgarians will no longer have to worry about where they will sleep at night because they will have the stability and security of a place to call home.

**About RESOLVE**

*RESOLVE is in the final year of this unique collaboration of nine Partner agencies to create affordable and supported rental housing for up to 3,000 vulnerable and homeless Calgarians. The nine respected and established agencies have partnered with government, business and community leaders, all resolving to make Calgary a better home – for everyone. The RESOLVE Partners include: Accessible Housing; Bishop O'Byrne Housing Association; Calgary Alpha House Society; Calgary Homeless Foundation; Calgary John Howard Society; Horizon Housing Society; Silvera for Seniors; The Mustard Seed; and Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta. For more information, visit: [www.resolvecampaign.com/](http://www.resolvecampaign.com/)*

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*Canadian Natural's employees pose for a picture during a staff volunteer day in Calgary*