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Students and Local Builder Recognized for their Commitment to Healthy Housing TM

CARLETON PLACE, Ontario, June 01, 2007 — Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) today recognized 14 students and home builder Halliday Homes for their knowledge of Healthy Housing™ principles. The students worked with Halliday Homes to build an energy-efficient EnviroHome in Carleton Place.

“Canada’s New Government is committed to working with the private sector to promote healthy, sustainable, affordable housing,” said Dean Del Mastro, Member of Parliament for Peterborough, on behalf of the Honourable Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and Minister responsible for CMHC. “I am pleased to congratulate students from Carleton Place and Almonte high schools, as well as Halliday Homes for their hard work, leadership and dedication to building healthier housing.”

Mike Holmes, host of the popular renovation program “Holmes on Homes™” on Home and Garden Television Canada (HGTV), was on site to congratulate the students.

“I hope that you will take the knowledge that you have learned here and apply it to a bright future in the skilled trades,” Mr. Holmes told the students. “CMHC should also be recognized for taking the lead in encouraging healthy, sustainable home construction and renovation. In my work, I have turned to CMHC countless times for objective, reliable housing information.”

CMHC Healthy Housing™ Recognition honours builders and others who put their knowledge of CMHC’s five Healthy Housing™ principles into practice. These five principles include: occupant health, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, environmental responsibility, and affordability.

“Halliday Homes is a strong supporter of Healthy Housing™, and is extremely proud of the work that these students have done to make this home a reality,” said Mike James, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing at Halliday Homes. “The knowledge that these students have gained in building a healthier house goes far beyond what can be taught in a classroom, and will serve them well in their careers.”

The home, which is located at 431 Dufferin Street in Carleton Place, is an EnviroHome, one of only 10 homes in Canada to earn this designation this year from the Canadian Home Builders’ Association (CHBA). EnviroHomes are designed and constructed to have a reduced impact on the environment.

“This EnviroHome is a demonstration of the cooperation between our industry and the training and education sector that is so important to bringing skilled trades people into the construction industry.” said CHBA President Richard Lind.

The EnviroHome Initiative was established in 1994 by CHBA and TD Canada Trust to recognize and support innovative new home builders who are committed to offering homes that are better for the consumer, the community and the environment.

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As Canada's national housing agency, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) draws on over 60 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of quality, environmentally sustainable, and affordable homes — homes that will continue to create vibrant and healthy communities and cities across the country.

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