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CMHC 60th Anniversary Celebration Raises Funds for Local Shelter

MONTREAL, Quebec, November 29, 2006 — A total of \$9,216 was raised today through a gingerbread house build fundraising competition organized by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to benefit la Fédération des ressources d'hébergement pour femmes violentées et en difficulté du Québec (FRHFVD) These funds were raised as part of an event marking CMHC's 60th year of helping to house Canadians.

"Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is proud to celebrate 60 years of helping Canadians," said Sylvie Crispo General Manager for CMHC Quebec Business Centre. "It is a legacy that dates back to meeting the housing needs of veterans returning to Canada after the Second World War."

CMHC took this opportunity to thank its partners, including the non-profit sector and financial institutions that have contributed to its success over the years.

Media representatives, artists and CMHC's housing partners teamed up to compete in a gingerbread house build for charity. The gingerbread houses were sold in a silent auction, with the proceeds going to help la Fédération des ressources d'hébergement pour femmes violentées et en difficulté du Québec in need.

"Through its shelter enhancement programs, CMHC is already one of our privileged partners. By making financial contributions for the repair and renovation of existing homes or the construction and purchase of new homes, CMHC greatly helps shelters offer a safe and healthy place for families seeking a temporary haven away from any violence," said Manon Monastesse, Director of the federation, (FRHFVD). "By organizing the competition and the auction of the gingerbread houses, CMHC and its partners will help hundreds of women and children in Montreal find, not a gingerbread house, but a real home that will receive them, listen to them, support them and guide them toward a better life away from violence."

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has been Canada's national housing agency for more than 60 years. CMHC is committed to helping Canadians access a wide choice of quality, affordable homes, while making vibrant, healthy communities and cities a reality across the country.

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