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## **NORR Volunteers Time to Develop Sustainable Design for Habitat for Humanity**

**Calgary, March 3, 2010** – NORR Architects Planners is proud to be volunteering design hours for Monklands, Habitat for Humanity's newest affordable housing project in Airdrie, Alberta.

The development will include 34 units of row style townhomes on a 2.37 acre site. The architectural design will establish a streetscape similar in form to the existing adjacent neighbourhood in a 'craftsman-inspired' style. In order to reduce operational costs for future homeowners, design will emphasize energy efficiency in the building envelope. Water conservation will be addressed through mandatory low-flow plumbing fixtures, drought-resistant landscaping, and rain barrels. "I am proud to be working in a company that encourages and facilitates our involvement in important causes like this one for Habitat for Humanity," said Fernando Aristi, Design Solutions at NORR. "It's important to me to support the construction of these homes and also support the desire for stronger communities."

The project has gone through various stages of public approvals and Open Houses and is moving forward into Design Development.

Habitat for Humanity is a certified Built-Green builder and builds affordable homes at a platinum level standard in partnership with the community and with the families who will own them. Families pay for their homes with no-interest, long-term mortgages.

This is the second time that NORR has collaborated with Habitat for Humanity; the first development was completed in 2006 and is located in Calgary. NORR believes in the merits of Affordable Housing projects and how they positively impact the community.

Key staff from the NORR office in Calgary who are volunteering their time for this project include Bruce McKenzie, Stephen Aird, Fernando Aristi and Mitchell Brooks.

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