



## NEWS RELEASE – August 17, 2015

### Veridian joins community partners for record-setting build

**Ajax, ON** – Veridian staff, together with hundreds of community volunteers, joined forces with Habitat for Humanity Durham in Whitby last Friday to build the world’s longest picnic table. Measuring 448.2 feet, the table’s length was confirmed by a Guinness World Records adjudicator the following day when more than 500 people celebrated the achievement with a picnic lunch. The initiative was part of the first-ever Durham Festival, held August 13 to 16 to celebrate the region’s culture and creativity.

The picnic table is being deconstructed, and its lumber and fasteners used by Habitat for Humanity to build four new townhouses in Oshawa. The charitable organization, who works to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty, has built 10 homes for families in Durham.

“I am extremely proud of our team of volunteers who came together for a worthy cause,” said Veridian President and CEO Michael Angemeer. “Veridian and its employees are committed to supporting community agencies like Habitat for Humanity, and their work to provide stable and affordable housing for low-income families at risk of homelessness.”

Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity International has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 600,000 houses worldwide – providing shelter for more than 3 million people. To learn more, visit their website at: [www.habitat.ca](http://www.habitat.ca).

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