

# About Us

## Habitat For Humanity Australia

### Charity

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Habitat for Humanity Australia is part of [Habitat for Humanity](#), an international not-for-profit which originated in Georgia, United States in 1976.

#### **Our Vision:**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort. The housing organisation has since grown to become a leading global non-profit working in more than 70 countries. Worldwide, Habitat has helped more than 9.8 million people obtain safe and decent housing, along with the strength, stability and independence to build better lives.

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#### **We believe it all starts at home**

At Habitat for Humanity Australia, we believe a stable, secure home creates the foundation for change. A safe home gives people the opportunity to be healthier, happier and more secure, and for children to be better nourished and better educated. We believe building a decent home provides much more than bricks and mortar – it provides real hope for the future. Building a house for one family, changes the lives of so many more. For around AUD\$2,500, we can build a house for an entire family.\*

**We provide a hand-up not a hand-out**

We don't give hand-outs; we give people hand-ups by building homes in partnership with families both in Australia and overseas. Our partner families put in labour and a deposit, and we offer our expertise and assist with financing. Once the no-profit loan is repaid, it helps to finance even more homes for people in need. So with Habitat your dollar goes further.

**We do more than just build houses**

We not only build homes, we build communities. We address water supply and sanitation issues and in some communities provide health and educational services – like teaching financial literacy and livelihood training. This is vital knowledge communities can share with others. It's a 'pay it forward' model and the beginning of generational change.