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Australia

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Judith & Paul

Partner Family

"We have been self-sufficient on this property and we've lived that life for 50 years and consequently, as one can imagine, our whole lifestyle has been destroyed - not just a house, but all the sheds, all the tools. All the animals died in the fire, it's been a real tragedy. But we look at it with our glass half full because we've been supported by charities such as Habitat"

To read about how Habitat is working to reduce the impacts of climate change, please read pages 3 - 4.

As the world continues to struggle with Covid-19 and new variants pose new challenges, your support in providing access to safe, decent and affordable housing is more relevant than ever. A safe home not only protects our physical health but it is also essential to maintain our psychological wellbeing. But together, we have done more than just build homes. During the last 12 months you have helped to distribute hygiene kits, personal protective equipment, build handwashing stations and organise temporary accommodation for frontline workers and Covid victims.

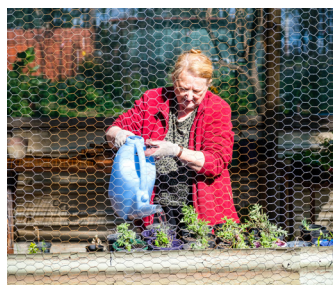
In Australia, thanks to your support and that of our many volunteers, we have continued to build houses transforming the lives of our partner families, we have helped repair accommodation for survivors of domestic violence and have assisted those affected by bushfires and other disasters.

Please know that our work is only possible thanks to your commitment and shared vision. We invite you to read our newsletter and help us build a better world together.

Sincerely,

Nicole Stanmore

Nicole Stanmore,
CEO





going beyond builds

Young volunteers share how they stay engaged amid a pandemic.

In a typical year we are so fortunate to have the support of our volunteers who would travel overseas to actively work on home construction. Of course, the global COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to in-person activities overseas, and more recently local volunteering has also paused. But all is not lost.

“We have been inspired by the creative ways that our supporters have continued to support those less fortunate, at a time that is difficult for us all,” said Dan, Habitat Australia’s Head of Impact Giving and Engagement.

Sophia recently turned 6 and selflessly asked her family and friends to make a donation to Habitat rather than receive birthday gifts. She raised an incredible \$265 in a matter of days.

Sophia’s father Pascale told us why.

“Every year for her birthday, in lieu of gifts, Sophia chooses an organisation to fundraise for. She is a social butterfly who loves nothing more than inviting all her friends for a big celebration, but we have always felt that with her large circle of friends, we would end up with far too many gifts (many of which tend to be disposable and quickly end up in landfill). Ultimately, her birthday gift is the presence of all her friends.

When we asked her what she wanted for her birthday this year, she shrugged and really couldn’t think of anything. However, when we asked her what social cause she wanted to fundraise for, she did not even hesitate, ‘oh that’s easy Mummy, I think we should help get a house for someone who doesn’t have a home. We had already heard of Habitat for Humanity and a little bit of research confirmed that your organisation best reflects our values of sustainability and empowering communities.

When we asked Sophia why it was important to her that everyone has a safe place to live, she replied, ‘Because if people don’t have a home then they can’t be safe. Everybody needs a safe home, not just us. That’s not fair if some people don’t have a home to live in.’

On behalf of the families your gift will help support, thank you Sophia!



housing and climate change

Habitat for Humanity recently shared our first-ever position statement on climate change.

As a leader within an industry that has significant greenhouse gas emissions, we believe we must have the courage to use our voice, experience and influence to create change within communities and the broader housing sector.

our beliefs

The millions of families Habitat partners with are often among the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, which include increasingly common and severe weather events such as hurricanes, floods, bushfires, tornadoes and droughts. These events can result in tragic outcomes for families, including damage to or complete loss of their homes, which may expose them to other threats, such as food insecurity, disease and displacement.

We believe that adequate and affordable housing can be built sustainably.

We believe we have a responsibility to recognise that climate change has a disproportionate impact on the people we serve, and that to be accountable to them, we must address that impact through resilient housing.

We believe we must have the courage to use our voice, experience and influence to create change within communities and the broader housing sector.

And we believe we must be humble in the face of new opportunities and challenges, recognizing the need to minimize our own environmental impact as we work to ensure that everyone has a decent place to live, now and into the future.





our practices

Extreme weather events, which are made more intense by climate change, reduce and degrade the affordable housing stock globally. By partnering with families to build stronger, more disaster-resilient and more energy-efficient housing, we have seen how adequate, safe and resilient shelter can contribute to both the immediate security and long-term well-being of families while reducing a home's environmental impact.

Around the world, Habitat builds and renovates homes with this in mind, increasing the use of sustainable natural resources and construction practices while reducing the emission of greenhouse gases throughout a home's life cycle. Supporting resilience also means responding to the increasing numbers of

disasters with shelter support so that every family can find safety and security in their home.

Another core element of Habitat's work is engaging with and incorporating the voices of diverse communities. Because we recognize that community-driven approaches are the key to successful and sustainable interventions, Habitat organizations around the world partner with communities to share tools and conduct trainings on resilient construction practices. We seek to use local materials, labor and technical know-how to support local economies and to construct culturally appropriate and environmentally friendly shelter solutions. In addition, we strive to keep housing construction materials out of landfills by creating opportunities for their reuse.

As a housing provider, we have a responsibility to use our voice to raise awareness of emerging housing issues and the important role that housing can play in mitigating the impacts of climate change.



meet Elisabeth

Elisabeth has lived in Dargan for over 47 years, and lost her home in the fires that tore through the region in December 2019. She has been living in a makeshift shed ever since and working every day to restore her property and rebuild her life. Soon after the bushfires, Covid-19 hit and Elisabeth lost her late husband soon after losing her home.

Thanks to the support of people like you, a group of volunteers was able to work alongside a small team of tradespeople comprising a carpenter, builders, roofing specialist and landscape gardener to install a comfortable temporary home for Elisabeth, with fresh paint and decking, plumbing and landscaping.

Elisabeth is a genuinely kind and beautiful soul and could not be more deserving of one of the temporary demountable homes. The demountable home was given to Elisabeth thanks to the generous support of donors like yourself, to provide her with somewhere to live as her permanent home is being built.



**every
hand**
makes a difference

hike for Habitat



Cradle Mountain

On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, you could spend 5 days trekking the picturesque surrounds of Cradle Mountain, one of Australia's premier walking destinations. From the jagged peak of Cradle Mountain to temperate rainforests and alpine lakes, you'll witness the beauty of the Tasmanian wilderness first-hand.

Location: Cradle Mountain, Tasmania

Dates: 18th – 22nd January 2022

Registration: \$440

Cost: \$2,750

Fundraising: \$2,500

Huma Challenge

Are you ready to push your boundaries and body to the limit? Join us on the 5 day Coast-to-Coast adrenaline adventure in picturesque New Zealand. This epic journey takes you from the Tasman Sea, over the Southern Alps to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Discover NZ's most diverse and remote landscapes by bike, foot, and raft.

Location: Christchurch, New Zealand

Dates: January, 2022

Registration: \$200

Cost: \$2240 aud (flights not included)

Fundraising: \$2,500

Queensland Local Village

Introducing our Local Village Builds in Queensland. We will be sending a team of volunteers to do much needed work at Woodstock whose objective is to continue to increase the positive impact that it can have on the lives of disadvantaged and disaffected youth. You will work with Habitat for Humanity Australia and your team to repurpose dormitory style housing to be fit for children to sleep in, painting toilet and shower blocks and even assisting with Koala environment rehabilitation.

Location: Tambourine, Queensland

Dates: 18th – 21st November 2021

Registration: \$200

Cost: Est. \$300

Fundraising: \$1000

Larapinta

After the success of the first Larapinta Trek, we've decided to trek with another team this year and you could be part of it. For 5 days you will follow Aboriginal Dreaming tracks and trek beside one of the world's oldest river systems. This 5 day trek ends with the team successfully ascending one of the Northern Territory's highest peaks, Mount Sonder, with a breathtaking view of sunrise.

Location: Larapinta Trail, Northern Territory

Dates: 18th – 24th July 2022

Registration: \$440

Cost: \$2,999

Fundraising: \$2,500

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person
can help build a
brighter future

innovation in India

Through the support of donors like you, Habitat partnered with Tvasta Manufacturing to 3D-print a 600-square-foot home in concrete over the course of 30 days. With improvements, the hope is to cut that time down to about a week.

The concrete used in this 3D printing is specially formulated for faster drying times, allowing us to build these homes more quickly and efficiently than traditional construction, which can sometimes take three to five times longer for a similarly sized structure. That could translate into many more sustainable, affordable homes in countries like India, where at least a third of urban residents live in informal settlements with inadequate shelter.

“3D printing isn’t a panacea, given land tenure, financing and other key elements that go into affordable housing,” says Patrick Kelley, Vice President of Habitat’s Innovation Center.



“But the technology holds great potential to lower construction costs, save water and reduce material waste by up to 65%.”

The build was made possible with investment from Habitat for Humanity’s ShelterTech. ShelterTech is the world’s leading platform for affordable housing innovation, advancing entrepreneurial housing solutions that radically improve the lives of low-income families. It identifies, nurtures and accelerates start-ups like Tvasta, helping to bring new ideas and technologies to improve low-income housing for families and communities in need of access to decent, affordable homes.

Currently, ShelterTech is also working to empower leaders and foster housing innovation in Southeast Asia, Mexico, Kenya, and South America.

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