



**build homes
and hope**

with a gift in your will

thank you

for considering a gift in your will to Habitat for Humanity Australia.

We all want the best for our children, grandchildren and loved ones. We want them to be healthy, happy and safe, and we want to see them fulfil their potential.

Sadly, many children and their families across the Asia-Pacific are destined to remain trapped in a cycle of poverty because they simply can't afford basic food, shelter and education.

A brighter future is possible.

After you have taken care of your loved ones, a gift in your Will, no matter the size, will help some of the world's most disadvantaged families obtain safe and decent housing, along with the strength, stability and independence to build a better future.





building homes, communities and hope

Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 and has since grown to become the leading global not-for-profit provider of low-income housing working in more than 70 countries.

We believe it all starts at home.



A stable, secure home creates the foundation for change, giving people the chance to be healthier, happier and for children to be better nourished and educated.



We work with the most vulnerable families to build new homes transforming lives, and support development of housing finance and construction markets so that more working poor families can access affordable and safe housing.



We build more than houses.

We help build communities. We provide clean water and sanitation as well as health education and livelihood training to build long term sustainable communities.

We give a hand up, not a hand out. We build homes in partnership with families in Australia and overseas.



our mission

To demonstrate God's love in action by mobilising families, volunteers and partners to provide housing solutions in sustainable communities.

our vision

A world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

a gift in your will

has the power to
transform lives

With a safe and decent home, access to clean water and sanitation, and the skills to become more resilient and independent, today's children and the generations to come after them, will thrive.

Whether it's helping build or repair safe and secure homes, providing access to clean water and sanitation, or facilitating health education and livelihood training, a gift in your Will has the power to transform the lives of families in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.



Together over 30 years we have:



Worked in
16 countries



Built or repaired
over 5,800 homes

together

we can build brighter futures

Together, **we build homes**

We believe a decent home provides much more than bricks and mortar. A safe home gives people the opportunity to be healthier, happier and more secure, and for children to be better nourished and better educated.

Together, **we build resiliency**

We help communities to withstand and prepare for natural disasters. When they do strike, we provide emergency relief as well as ongoing recovery and rehabilitation.

Together, **we build communities**

We are community-driven, and focus on livelihood training to build long term sustainable communities.

Together, **we build healthier futures**

Access to clean water and sanitation reduces illness and also saves families time and money. The results are healthier and stronger communities and brighter futures.

a gift in your will

can empower families

Subadi's old home had no toilet or electricity, and the roof leaked when it rained.

In Subadi's old single-room home, there was only one space where Subadi's daughters had enough light to study. Each day, the girls - Vivian, 10 and twins, Aprita and Aprisa, 8, would line up to do their homework on a section of the wall where the light shined brightest.

"I feel sad my house is the way it is," said Subadi. "My kids don't have a place to study. I would like them to do well at school and have a better life." Subadi finds work wherever he can - and earns just enough to send his daughters to the local school.

"It feels like a dream...the house will ease the load for us and will help give our children a good education," said Subadi on moving into his new home.



With help from our wonderful supporters, Subadi and his three daughters are healthier and happier in their new safe and secure home.





building homes

and positive lives

Despite living in a slum for many years and being ill herself, Meng Yan and her husband have always worked hard to provide for their family which includes their 17 year old daughter and two foster children – an adopted niece and a boy with a disability.

A few years ago, Habitat worked with Meng Yan and her family to build them a new home.

Having a secure, dry and clean home has not only improved her health, but provides her children with a safe space to learn and grow. Not just a roof overhead, the family home acts as a base for Meng Yan's new craft business.

Meng Yan balances her work with caring for her elderly parents and children. For this family, a safe home of their own has created a world a difference.

meet Andrew

When you remember Habitat in your Will, you become part of our special community, dedicated to helping make transformational and lasting change possible. Andrew is one of our many loyal supporters who has chosen to leave a gift in his Will.



Andrew volunteering with Habitat in Mongolia.

“As a child, I wanted to become an architect one day so I could design simple but affordable housing for those who did not have a roof over their heads. While I never ended up becoming an architect, Habitat for Humanity has nevertheless given me the chance to realise that childhood dream in a profoundly practical way.”

The passing of my mother after a sudden and short illness made me realise how important it is to have a Will that accurately reflects your intentions. I came into this world with nothing and I will leave this world with nothing, but I can ensure my childhood dream 'lives on' through a gift in my Will to Habitat for Humanity. While I hope to be around a while yet, I'm reassured knowing that if I was to go suddenly, my passing will also bring hope and enable others to have a better future by providing a secure roof over their heads.”

how to leave a gift in your will

It's a relatively simple process to amend your Will to include Habitat for Humanity Australia, or write a Will for the first time, and you don't need to be wealthy. A small percentage of what is left over after your loved ones have been provided for can make an incredible difference, positively impacting the lives of families and communities for generations to come.

There are a number of ways you can leave a gift in your Will, and we suggest discussing any changes with a solicitor to determine which option works best for you.

the two most common types of gifts that our supporters consider are:



Residuary – The remainder of an estate after all specific gifts have been distributed



Percentage – A percentage of either the residue or entire estate



follow these simple steps when updating or writing your will.

1

Seek legal advice. Your solicitor can help advise you on the options for remembering Habitat for Humanity Australia in your Will. The wording for your gift is important and a solicitor can ensure the correct wording is in your Will to accurately reflect your intentions.

2

Provide for your loved ones in your Will and have a chat to them about your wishes. Let them know that leaving a gift to Habitat is important to you; this will help ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intended.

3

If you have remembered Habitat for Humanity in Australia in your Will, please let us know so we can thank you, and keep you up to date on our work. We would be more than happy to have a confidential chat with you anytime, or provide any further information you need.

4

Finally, be assured in the knowledge that we will use your gift wisely, helping empower vulnerable families to build happier, healthier lives and safer and stronger communities for generations to come.

wording for your will

The correct wording in your Will ensures your wishes are carried out as you intend. Please take this with you when you visit your solicitor to write or update your Will.

If you have any questions as to the correct wording, please don't hesitate to contact our Philanthropy Manager.

I give, [*_____] free of all debts, duties and taxes, to Habitat for Humanity Australia (A.C.N. 131 976 004), Level 4, Block D, Building 5, 1-59 Quay Street, Haymarket, 2000, in the state of NSW for its general purposes.

* Insert either:

a

- the whole or% in words and figures e.g. 10% (ten percent) of my estate
- the whole or% in words and figures e.g. 10% (ten percent) of the residue of my estate
- \$X: the actual amount should be shown in words and figures
- specific details of property or items

b

If the gift (a) cannot take effect completely or at all, to the extent that it cannot take effect to the charitable organisation or organisations in Australia which my executors consider most nearly fulfils or fulfils the objects I intend to benefit.

c

The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of the beneficiary or beneficiaries under subparagraph (a) or (b) is sufficient to discharge of my Executors duty.



leaving hope for the future

Binda, 31, stands proudly in front of her new disaster resilient home. Binda's old home was destroyed in the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

"I have been fortunate in my life and leaving a gift to Habitat for Humanity in my Will allows this wonderful organisation to assist those less fortunate, or through no fault of their own, have landed on hard times. Habitat has a saying that they "give a hand up, not a hand out". In providing housing the recipients have a large stake in the building themselves, by getting their hands dirty and learning new skills. Habitat also mentors their families to ensure that they take over successful ownership, and where possible, teaches them new skills. I love their philosophy. I wish them well going into the future and encourage others to leave something in their Will, however large or small to assist the ongoing work."

- Christine - Habitat for Humanity community member



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