

A place to call **home**

Add to your legacy and build homes
and hope with a gift in your Will.



A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a red t-shirt with a white Puma logo, stands in front of a house. Laundry is hanging on a line in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Our vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our mission

Habitat brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

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Thank you

for considering a gift in your Will to Habitat for Humanity New Zealand to create lasting change for families navigating the housing market.

Since 1993, Habitat has been bringing Kiwis together to be the heart of transformational change for housing in New Zealand and the Pacific. We do more than provide housing solutions. We build affordable and decent homes, create resilient communities, and foster healthier futures for families facing housing affordability challenges.

After ensuring the well-being of your loved ones, a gift in your Will – regardless of the size - will help families flourish and achieve their dream of a suitable, secure and healthy home. Your generosity will provide them with the strength, stability, and self-reliance to build a brighter future.

By including a gift in your Will, you can leave a legacy of hope, giving families the foundation to thrive and create a brighter future for generations to come.

Thank you for extending your support for Habitat. We appreciate you sharing our vision and helping to create life-changing and lasting transformation for whānau now and in the future.



A message from Alan Thorp

Group CEO



Your future gift will support the vision of Habitat for Humanity New Zealand – making a lasting impact on families in need of a decent place to call home. You'll inspire others to participate in building resilient communities with brighter futures, helping to transform the lives of families in our local communities for generations to come.

We believe housing is the most important investment in building better communities. A decent place to live is the foundation for good health, security, education, work and many of life's essential building blocks.

Including a gift in your Will empowers individuals, strengthens communities, transforms neighbourhoods and gives practical hope to those who need it most – positively impacting the quality of their lives.



It all starts with a place to call **home**

A decent and affordable place to live is literally the foundation on which our lives are built. A decent place to live is instrumental for good health, education, work and many of life's essential building blocks.

We bring communities together to help families on their journey in building stability and independence through having a place to call home.

Our work focuses on increasing the provision of homes for people who are in housing need and meet our criteria along with making homes more habitable to ensure they are warm, dry and safe. Together, we build more resilient communities.

Every gift makes a difference and is valued because of the impact it has on a family's future, helping them to rise above their circumstances, realise their potential and build better lives.

Add to your legacy and create a lasting impact, with a place to call home, for the families of tomorrow, today.

Building a firm foundation for healthier families and communities in New Zealand and overseas. Our work today includes:



New construction

of houses to either rent or own to enable long-term security for the family.



Working in partnership with families

as they invest their time and effort into building their future. We recognise and value the contribution made by the entire whānau and provide guidance and advice for maintaining healthy homes.



Mobilising people and resources

we work with volunteers, sponsors, donors and funders to collectively support more families than we could on our own.



Making homes habitable and decent

through improvements, repairs and maintenance so families can thrive. With volunteers and homeowners working side-by-side, and local organisations contributing, we can positively impact the quality of life for residents and the community.



Advocacy for fair and decent housing policies

that promote positive and lasting change in our communities. Adding a voice to support affordable, adequate and accessible housing opens doors for whānau to enjoy safe, stable living environments. This benefits individuals and families and strengthens communities, promoting lasting social and economic development for future generations.



Creating a world of difference overseas

We are committed to building resilient communities in the Pacific, particularly in areas prone to extreme weather and other shelter-related challenges. By integrating local knowledge with innovative technology, Habitat equips communities not only to identify shelter risks but also to rebuild in ways that enhance safety and durability.

Teaching essential skills like safer construction techniques and basic plumbing for clean water access addresses both immediate needs and long-term health outcomes. This holistic approach ensures that communities are better equipped to withstand future challenges, creating a foundation for better health and wellness outcomes.



Making dreams a reality

"You get to call a place your actual [home](#)."

In June 2023, Tita and Veni's young family of five began moving into the home they will one day own, the same day they were handed the keys.

Tita's rugby team photo proudly hangs in the lounge and the family has started their own Christmas traditions, in their own home. Two things that she tells us wouldn't have been possible in their previous rental which didn't feel like 'theirs'.

Through our Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) programme, families pay an affordable rent which goes toward the deposit on the home they're living in. Over a 5-10-year period, payments eventually support them to take out a commercial mortgage with the money they've contributed through Habitat.

Tita and Veni were the first in their families to relocate to New Zealand from Tonga. The young couple had to build a new life from scratch and settled on Nelson as their base.

"It was a whole new experience for us. We had to learn everything and every family member who comes after us, we'll be able to help do it as well" says Tita. When the family moved into their Habitat home, they were happy to leave behind a rental house that was damp and draughty.

"It was very cold during the winter with mould and moisture on the windows. Our kids were getting constantly sick," says Tita.

"You don't have to move or wait until one day the owner says they're selling and you have to move. Here you don't have to worry about anything like that."

Alongside a much healthier environment, Tita notices how the home's location is an important difference from their rental. It is walking distance to the local school yet far enough from the main road, keeping it quiet and safe for the kids to play outside.

Ultimately, Tita's favourite part of the house isn't the flooring or faucets, it's a feeling. It's about security and stability for her family with the freedom to do what makes them happy in their home; hang pictures, invite family to stay, and relax after a night shift.

"My favourite part of the house is the idea of owning it and finally you get to call a place your actual home. You don't have to move or wait until one day the owner says they're selling and you have to move. Here you don't have to worry about anything like that.

"I'm just happy that my family have been able to come and visit as well. They can stay with us and we don't have to worry about anything. I don't have any family [in New Zealand], it's only my husband who has an uncle here. That's why when we first moved here [from Tonga] it was hard."

When we spoke to the couple after one year in their new home, they were excited to look toward to the future. Veni's much-loved garden in their courtyard was about to take off; the couple's Taro plants just starting to shoot. In the long-term, Tita tells us that her rugby team photo hanging on the wall won't be alone for long.

"That's my husband's idea," she says about the framed picture. "He says 'that's 2022, this year's one I'm going to stick next to it and the year after that will go next to it too.'"

This is one of many traditions that will be started and continued for Tita, Veni, and their children as the years tick by in their new home.





Building more than homes

Lauvao (above) is a motivated and skilled resident of the Falepuna community in Samoa. He is building six toilet and shower blocks for members of his community who currently live without their own, instead relying on toilet and washing facilities belonging to neighbours.

Lauvao has now completed five different Habitat training programmes with our local partner, ADRA Samoa, to upskill in areas such as building, plumbing, community planning. He is using these skills to improve access to decent living conditions for his own household and wider community.

Soteria (right) is one homeowner whose family lacked basic sanitation facilities. For years, they relied on sharing a neighbor's toilet and shower. Thanks to Lauvao and his various skills, now they have their own. "This has made a big improvement in our living conditions," says Soteria. Her family now have peace of mind knowing their very own toilet block is private, secure, and dignified.

Training programmes for housing-related skills go further than supporting one person; the positive impact reaches entire communities when people like Lauvao share their skills to help others.



Our commitment to you

- We recognise and appreciate that your Will is personal. We will hold your intentions in the strictest confidence and will always respect your privacy.
- We understand that those you care about come first, and we encourage you to discuss your intentions with loved ones before finalising your Will. We also encourage you to seek independent legal advice.
- You can be assured that we'll use your gift wisely so that it has the greatest impact on future generations. We'll handle your gift and wishes with sensitivity and respect. Together, we can continue to enable families to build brighter, better futures and healthier lives. Along with safer and stronger communities for generations to come.
- We understand you may wish to direct your gift to a particular purpose. However, most people allow us the flexibility to use their gift where it is most needed.
- If you have remembered Habitat in your Will, please let us know of your decision. We want to thank you personally and honour your special commitment to the future of Habitat. We will keep you up to date and closely connected to the ongoing transformational work that is made possible because of people like you.

Including a gift in your Will is easier than you imagine

Follow these simple steps when creating or updating your Will.

Contact us

Contact us if you need further information, have any questions or for a confidential conversation. Help us to ensure your vision for the future is fulfilled by letting us know of your intentions.

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Seek legal advice to create or update your Will

A solicitor can help advise you on the options for including Habitat in your Will. They will assist you with the key information and details on the type of gift to include. Your legal advisor will prepare your Will accurately to make sure that it achieves your intentions.

The wording for your gift is important so your solicitor can ensure the correct wording is included. Habitat for Humanity can provide you with suggested wording that will assist you in discussions with your legal advisor.

Let them know

Talk to your loved ones and let them know about your intentions and why including a gift in your Will to Habitat is important to you. This will help ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intended.

How to include a gift in your Will

A Will gives you the power to choose how your assets can benefit your loved ones AND impact families in local communities.

Preparing your Will doesn't need to be complicated or expensive, but we recommend you seek legal advice to ensure your Will is valid and clearly sets out the way you intend your estate to be distributed.

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.

Suggested wording for your will

"I give to Habitat for Humanity New Zealand, Charity Registration Number CC 28026, the residue of my estate (or% of my estate) for its general purposes and declare that the official receipt of the Chief Executive Officer or other authorised officer shall be full and sufficient discharge for my Trustees."

Remembering Habitat for Humanity in your Will

Please fill in your details, tick the appropriate box and return to us via the contact details below.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ I have already included my gift in my Will to Habitat for Humanity.

☐ I intend to remember Habitat for Humanity when I next update my Will.

☐ I would consider including Habitat for Humanity in my Will and would like more information.

If you have any questions, would like to learn more or discuss your wishes in confidence please contact:

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