

As we reach the halfway point of 2024, I am thrilled to share with you the incredible impact that Habitat for Humanity South Australia has made over the past 12 months. Thanks to your unwavering support and dedication, we have been able to make a tangible difference in the lives of many families across our community.

None of these achievements would have been possible without you — our dedicated supporters, volunteers, and partners. Your contributions, whether through time, donations, or advocacy, have been the cornerstone of our success.

As the end of the financial year approaches, you may wish to make a tax-deductible donation so please call 8344 6009 to donate over the phone or to click here to donate online.

# How you can continue to help

Volunteer Your time and skills are invaluable. Join us on a build site or help with our ReStore operations.

Donate

Financial contributions allow us to purchase materials and support our programs. Consider making a one-time or recurring donation.

**Shop at ReStore** 

Your purchases and donations to ReStore directly support our housing programs.

Corporate Volunteering Sponsor a Brush with Kindness Day.

Share our mission with your friends, family, and Spread the Word colleagues. Follow us on social media and help us reach a wider audience.

#### ReStore at 102 Port Road, Alberton

Since its launch in early 2022, our ReStore (our Op-Shop for building materials, furniture, and hardware) has seen remarkable growth and expansion. This month, we proudly unveiled our new Sorting Shed at ReStore, constructed with the generous support of a grant from Green Industries SA. The shed is equipped to receive, sort, fix, repair, and upcycle donated products for sale through ReStore. Additionally, to enhance our sustainability, we have installed an 8.8kW solar system, funded by the Port Adelaide Enfield Council environmental grant.

Interested in volunteering your woodworking skills? Contact Sarah at 0412 794 460. Join us to work alongside others, teach, learn, and connect.

Our ReStore continues to thrive, thanks to your generous donations and the support of individuals and companies. Funds raised through ReStore sales are crucial for funding our projects and expanding our reach.



# Studio Purpose 2 - Murray Bridge

This year, we successfully completed the construction/renovation of four homes known as Studio Purpose 2. This project, undertaken by Habitat in collaboration with various partners, provides safe and supportive housing for at-risk youth in the Murraylands area. The official launch in March 2024 marked a significant milestone in addressing youth homelessness in the region.

The dedication and hard work of many volunteers played a pivotal role in the timely completion of Studio Purpose 2. Mayor Wayne Thorley expressed pride in Murray Bridge's strong sense of community, highlighting the project as a symbol of hope, resilience, and opportunity for the youth of Murray Bridge. Studio Purpose 1 & 2 stands as a testament to the power of

collaboration and community-driven initiatives in addressing homelessness and supporting youth in need. We look forward to the continued positive impact it will have on the Murray Bridge community for years to come.



# **Brush with Kindness Program**

Our Brush with Kindness program continues to evolve, providing assistance to crisis accommodation and targeted support for communities and individuals in need, including those affected by domestic violence, diverse backgrounds, homelessness, and veterans. Over the past year, our corporate and community volunteers have completed numerous projects at crisis accommodations, including children's play areas, community rooms, garden makeovers, and essential home maintenance tasks, brightening the lives of families seeking shelter.

Our Corporate Days have been a hit with companies seeking meaningful grassroots volunteering and team-building experiences, or opportunities to meet Corporate Social Responsibility goals. To get your staff involved, call us at 0412 794 460 to find out how your company can participate.



## Flood Recovery Program

The 2022/2023 River Murray flood was a once-in-a-generation event. Countless volunteer groups donated their time and effort to assist our local communities impacted by the flood. Thank you to all volunteers who provided assistance. During the program, we completed 12 recovery days for individuals' residences, many of whom were disadvantaged by lack of finances, poor health, mobility, or mental state. Our residents expressed heartfelt gratitude, with many seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel" as they woke up without the stress of resolving flood damage. Our site locations spread from north of Murray Bridge to Swan Reach, covering a river distance of some 90kms. Special thanks to Steve Harding and Nat Fuller for their work on this program, made possible by grants from the SA Government, Foundation SA, and the RAA.



## **THANK YOU!**

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With heartfelt gratitude,

Louise Hay, Executive Officer