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Making dreams a reality

Astrid, Robin and their four children finally own a home thanks to Habitat for Humanity and HomeStart.

The family were able to buy their home at an affordable price by participating in Habitat for Humanity's housing program which operates world-wide and has built 23 homes in South Australia. The cost of the home was kept down through the donation of building materials and the assistance of volunteers and corporate groups who helped build the house.

To be eligible for the program, Astrid and Robin had to meet financial requirements and pledge 200 hours of labour to build Habitat for Humanity homes for other families on low incomes. They'll do this under the supervision of qualified staff through a 'sweat equity' agreement, which is a unique feature of the Habitat for Humanity housing program.

HomeStart provided finance to Astrid and Robin who contributed a deposit towards the cost of the mortgage. HomeStart CEO John Oliver said the organisation is proud to have assisted the family make their dream of home ownership a reality.

The couple never thought it would be possible to achieve home ownership and are "ecstatic" to be the owners of a brand new home after years of renting rundown houses.

"The new home means everything to us," Astrid said.

"Our children can finally have their own rooms with space out the back to play. We are so grateful to Habitat for Humanity and HomeStart for giving us this opportunity."

**The family are available for photographs in their home or on a Habitat for Humanity building site.*

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