

Affordable housing lifeline for family

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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Kiera Chandler has moved home five times in eight years, but she can now look forward to some welcome domestic stability.

Kiera and her two brothers, two sisters and parents Len and Cheryl Chandler will soon move into what is the first Habitat for Humanity House in WA.

Habitat for Humanity builds affordable, sustainable homes in partnership with people in need, in this case the Chandler family.

Since 1977, the organisation has built more than 200,000 homes around the world, which are sold through a no interest mortgage to those in need.

Homeowners and volunteers build the homes themselves under trained supervision and guidance.

Habitat for Humanity WA chairman Kevin Peterson said the Chandler's Seville Grove home was the first of many Habitat homes to be built in WA.

"WA is in the midst of a boom but it's not a boom for everyone. Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with government and the private sector, is playing a modest but vital role in ensuring affordable housing is a reality for families like the Chandlers," he said.

Mr Chandler, a TransPerth bus driver, said the chance to own his own home was a dream come true.