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A home is a new beginning.

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A house sometimes consists of more than walls, windows, doors, and a roof. Sometimes it is a new beginning and life for a family. For one of the families that the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake has helped get into a house, they said that it was like winning at bingo. The family says that "It is still hard to believe that we have become home owners and been able to accomplish so much. We have a larger home for less monthly payments and live in a safe neighborhood."

A deserving family is able to get into a new home using "sweat equity" and low payments. Many times this is the first home that the family has lived in. Many of the places that the families lived before they got their own home didn't have clean drinking water, hot water for showers, the home had poor heating, and was in an unsafe neighborhood. The home Habitat For Humanity builds for families may also be the first time that the children get their own room.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake is almost done with the latest house for a deserving family and is looking to build a second home this year.

Habitat's goal is to enter into a partnership with families currently living in inadequate housing who wish to own a home of their own. The Habitat family purchases their home at cost directly from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake. There are three main qualifications for families: 1. **NEED:** The family is currently living in inadequate housing and has an income that falls between 40% of the Grant County median income. 2. **ABILITY TO PAY:** The family must have resources to repay the zero percent interest Habitat loan and other homeownership costs. 3. **WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER:** The family needs to be willing to commit to 450 hours of "sweat equity" and to be a part of the Habitat family.

But of course the home couldn't happen without the help of the contractors, volunteers, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake. If you know of a deserving family that would like to get in a home of their own, contact Habitat of Humanity of Greater Moses Lake at 601 S. Pioneer Way Suite F PMB-278 Moses Lake, WA 98837 or call (509)764-0160 to get an application or go to their website at www.habitatmoseslake.org to download the application. You can also sign up online to receive information on Habitat via email, if you're interested in volunteering, being a board member, if you're a contractor or in the building trade and can donate time or materials or want to make a donation, sign up online now.

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