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Madison House partnership to benefit Tasmanians in need

The Tasmanian Government is committed to helping Tasmanians living with disability and increasing the supply of social and affordable housing in Tasmania.

We are partnering with Lyden Builders for a special housing project to deliver a purpose-built three-bedroom home for a Tasmanian family in need.

The Madison House charity project is being built in memory of Madison Lyden – the daughter of Lyden Builders owner Andrew Lyden – who died in a tragic cycling incident in New York in 2018.

The Government is commissioning the construction of an accessible home to be built by Lyden Builders on Housing Tasmania owned land. Lyden Builders have made the generous commitment to donate all company profits from construction to Variety the Children's Charity, which will use the proceeds to help many Tasmanian children.

Lyden Builders will seek philanthropic donations of construction material and labour from the construction industry to build the home, allowing the company to maximise the donation from the project.

The project highlights the importance of purpose-built housing for people living with disability, providing a fit-for-purpose home for a National Disability Insurance Scheme recipient.

Madison House is expected to be complete in August 2023.

It is being delivered under the Tasmanian Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-2023, which includes specific actions to improve the wellbeing of Tasmanians living with disability and their

carers.

This includes new, universally designed housing and a dedicated investment of \$20 million over three years to deliver more accessible and suitable homes for people living with disability.

This project demonstrates what can be achieved when Government, businesses and the not-for-profit sector work together to make positive change.

This is the third Madison House charity home and follows the successful Madison House charity build in 2020, which delivered a new house for a young girl with disability and her family, while also resulting in \$372,000 being donated to the Give Me 5 for Kids fundraising campaign for the children's ward of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

The Tasmanian Government is working to build more new social housing that meets the diverse housing needs of Tasmanians, including those living with a disability, the elderly, families and singles.

Our 10-year, \$1.5 billion housing package – the single largest housing investment in the State's history – will build on existing initiatives and take further action to tackle affordable housing and homelessness issues, consolidating housing as one of the highest priorities of the Government.

This is why we are setting up a dedicated housing authority, so through partnerships we can deliver more houses being built at a faster rate, which will help more Tasmanians access safe and secure housing sooner.