

BECAUSE OF THIS HOUSE



Welcome Carol to the Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity Family!

What would the photo album of your life look like? Crisp, linen pages with bold memos, proudly displayed photographs, evidence of comfort and laughter?

For Carol Friend, hard working mother of Talon (9) and Savanna (7), the scrapbook was sparse. Astronomical rent left very little for discretionary items, and after a burglary, Friend's apartment was not the happy home she dreamed of... nor the legacy she wanted to pass on.

Carol will never forget June 15, 2015 when the fresh cut keys to her new family home in Summerset, SD were placed in her hand. Carol had worked on other Habitat partner family homes and shared in their joy. Now it was her turn. The home she worked hard for

and the passion she gave to Habitat is now a part of her life story.

Carol has an affordable home where she feels safe and ready to take photos of her beaming family. Impromptu water balloon fights, colorful soccer matches and countless family adventures will be added to the folio.

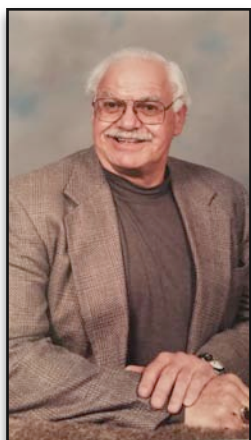
The book is not closing; rather, a fresh page is beginning for the Friend Family. As the story continues . . . Carol will be saving over \$600 per month on housing. With additional income available, she intends to contribute more at church, Habitat and other non-profit organizations. Carol wishes to catapult Habitat's mission, one that "brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

"A home is a place where memories are made. It's a place that feels safe and secure. It's the feeling of stability. It's a place of laughter, contentment and peace. Most of all, it's a blessing from God!"

– Carol Friend



PAYING IT FORWARD



Determined + Hard Working

Chuck Mickel never sat on idle hands. As a child of the 1930s, he was a hard worker who loved to stay busy. He was always quick to provide a favor. He served six years with the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of SD with a Master of Science in Geology.

He eventually attended SD Law School, graduating with his Juris Doctorate. He was a longtime member of the State Bar of South Dakota. Mickel eventually became Deputy States Attorney in Pennington County and served a term in the South Dakota Legislature in the mid-70s. Then he opened the Mickel Law Practice until he retired in 2004.

Enjoying the Benefits of Life

Chuck spent many years sailing, cross country skiing, bike riding, hiking, rock hunting and fishing. He was an avid photographer of wildlife and landscapes. His biggest hobby was showing his



canine companions, two trained cattle dogs. He was very active with the Rapid City Kennel Club.

He volunteered at the SD Fish & Game's Outdoor Campus-West and with the SD Grasslands Wilderness Coalition. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in White River for 50 years.

Consider how you might create a lasting legacy through planned giving. Habitat for Humanity can help you turn your annuals into perennials! Contact Debbie Pack, Resource Development Mgr. at (605) 348-9196 ext. 207 or debbie@blackhillshabitat.org.

Helping Out with Habitat

Katie Jensen, Mickel's sister, recalls her brother sitting on his deck enjoying retirement when he decided to become even more active in his community with his interest in building. He bought a few tools and volunteered with

retired contractors and carpenters to learn the trade.

When he found Habitat for Humanity, he saw community value in the work and wanted to be more involved.

Chuck became a regular Habitat volunteer, clocking 1,830 volunteer hours. He served on the Habitat for Humanity Board for six years and on the Nomination Committee as well.

Legacy of Giving

Mickel passed away on Sept. 17, 2014 and left an incredible gift to the Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity -- a \$10,000 donation.

His generous donation of nearly 2,000 volunteer hours in addition to the monetary donation helped many families and will forever impact the Rapid City community.

Habitat grows stronger with volunteers like Chuck. His presence is greatly missed, but his memory and the work he contributed will live on forever.

2015 WOMEN BUILD



"It was really exciting for me when I pulled up and saw the sea of pink shirts and all the women out there with their hammers and nails, working hard," recalled SD House Representative Lynne Hix-DiSanto. "It's really exciting to see women stepping up, encouraging each other and taking the time to help their community. It's really wonderful."



Noel, Jennifer & Brandon Brown

National Women Build Week
 Kristi Barber, CEO of construction firm GBA, Inc. and SD State House Representative Lynne Hix-DiSanto were among the women who participated in this year's event. *"Home ownership creates feelings of pride in living independently, and promotes responsibility to one's self, one's family and one's community. I am honored to be a part of such a worthwhile cause and am grateful for the opportunity to serve,"* says Barber.

In a week-long national campaign, dozens of local volunteers came to show their support for our community on Saturday, May 2nd. Across the country, Women Build saw over 23,000 volunteers build homes for people in need.

Lowe's partnership made our Women Build a success, along with hard-working, dedicated volunteers and team leaders.

Volunteers React

"I love Habitat because it gives people an opportunity to own their own home," long-time

volunteer and committee chairwoman Cathie Harris commented. *"It's really powerful to be here today to have all these women, and particularly the Lowe's heroes, who are helping us."*

"It feels amazing to work with a group of women," volunteer Carol White remarked. *"So empowering for them,"* added the fitness trainer. *"We're just sweating out there, but we're having fun and everybody's working together as a team..."*

New Home, New Life

The walls built by volunteers put the Brown family closer to owning a home, where they will always have secure, reliable shelter. *"They have a safe, clean, happy environment,"* Harris said about homes provided by Habitat to families like the Browns. *"Just to be off the streets and provide safe, decent housing-- that's what Habitat's about."* The Brown family will receive their new home keys by early 2016.

HOME PRESERVATION PROJECT

Home Preservation Projects help with interior and exterior repairs as well as weatherization. Homeowners make affordable monthly payments and volunteers provide savings by reducing costs to the families. Home Preservation is active primarily from May through September, but applications are accepted year round and work is completed in any season weather permitting.

"Michelle said 'she is blessed to receive this help' and I would counter, we are blessed to be able to bring joy to others through Habitat."

~ Cliff Shoemaker, Construction Supervisor



Michelle Rose renovated her home with Habitat's help.

"I have known Michelle for a long time. Life has not been easy for her. The help she received from the Habitat Home Preservation Project was a true gift. It was a witness to her and to many, that people do care and that God is faithful."

~ Pastor Sharla McCaskell, Knollwood Heights United Methodist Church



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



25 years, over 100 families served!

Looking back, we see God honoring the desires of the faithful team who gathered, prayed and explored building the first Habitat home in the Black Hills. Pastors, carpenters, teachers, business leaders and volunteers answered a call to start something radically generous and genuinely empowering. They stretched to help a family with no other home ownership option to stabilize through a no-profit, affordable mortgage. They shared a core belief to implement Habitat's #1 principle: "To demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ."

Did those pioneers predict how Habitat would grow or impact so many lives? The first home is now fully paid off! An adventure surpassing 100 families locally and 60 internationally has volunteers serving from Belle Fourche to Custer, Guatemala to Nicaragua and Portugal to Vietnam.

What will we look like 25 years from now? Only God knows. Who better to guide our dreams and sustain our values than the one true Creator? We will continue to demonstrate love, focus on shelter, advocate, and promote dignity & hope.

At this milestone, we pause to say with the saints of old, Praise be to God for the great things He has done. Thanks to all who answer the call to be generous with their time, talent and treasure.

In service,
R. Scott Engmann



100 FAMILIES

WORLD HABITAT DAY

Monday, October 5

One day annually to recognize the basic right of all humanity for adequate shelter. In 1985, the United Nations General Assembly declared the 1st Monday in October as World Habitat Day.



BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR TODAY



You can start by giving online today at:

www.blackhillshabitat.org

CALENDAR

August 29:

ReStore Yard Sale,
9am-5pm @ Rapid City ReStore
610 E. Omaha Street

September 3, 10, 17, 22:

United Way Day of Caring
Celebrate Day of Caring with United Way of the BH.

- 9/3: Rapid City
- 9/10: Northern Hills
- 9/17: Sturgis
- 9/22: Southern Hills



September 12:

Volunteer Appreciation Day

October 5:

World Habitat Day
A day of grassroots action to advocate for universal decent housing.

October 24:

Informational Meeting, 10am
Location to be announced

2015 TEES FOR KEYS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Thank you, Golfers!

And thanks to everyone who supported our 2015 Jackson Lewis Tees for Keys Golf Tournament. What a great success!

We met our fundraising goal! All money raised during our charity golf tournament helps provide decent, affordable housing for families throughout the Black Hills.

BLACK HILLS BACK40



Mountain bike race celebrates four years of supporting the Habitat mission.

Over 80 riders pedaled for a cause at this year's Black Hills Back40. The race coordinators contribute all event net proceeds to Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity. A heartfelt thank you to Phil Busching, Race Director, the Ellsworth 28th Bomb Wing and the active volunteer committee for supporting all the organization and event day logistics.

RESTORE HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm

Rapid City

610 E. Omaha Street
605-791-1880

Spearfish

2915 E. Colorado Boulevard
605-717-1882

www.blackhillshabitatrestore.org

Aug 29: RC ReStore Yard Sale



Won't YOU Consider?

EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

With the ever-expanding geographical areas we cover, additional construction equipment is needed to help support the mission.

- ➔ 3/4 Ton Late Model Pickup Truck
- ➔ Fire Extinguishers (qty 8)
- ➔ Power Washer
- ➔ Werner Foldable Ladder (qty 3)

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

As we grow into our 25th year in the Black Hills, administrative and outdoor help is appreciated.

- ➔ Data Entry, Database Management, Phone Answering
- ➔ Photography
- ➔ Lawn Maintenance
- ➔ Repair Assessment Expert



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100 FAMILIES

Habitat in the Hills

Summer/Fall 2015



25 Years 100 Families

*Building HOMES,
COMMUNITIES and HOPE.*

Habitat Happenings:

Because of This House

Carol Friend thanks Habitat for building her new home, where she finally feels secure.

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Paying It Forward

Chuck Mickel, a long-time Habitat volunteer, donated \$10,000 from his estate.

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2015 Women Build

Outstanding women from construction industry and public service step up to serve low-income families through affordable housing.

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Home Preservation

Habitat works hard preserving and restoring homes in need of repair.

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Director's Letter

Engmann, Habitat's Executive Director, reflects on where it all began 25 years and 100 families ago...

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Calendar & Events

ReStore Yard Sale, Volunteer Appreciation Day, Day(s) of Caring, World Habitat Day, and more...

Habitat ReStores are open Mon-Sat, 9-5 with locations in Rapid City and Spearfish. Don't miss RC Restore's Yard Sale on August 29 @ 610 East Omaha Street.

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Tees for Keys Tourney

Golfers all around enjoyed a day in May at Red Rocks Golf Course while raising money to provide more affordable housing in the Black Hills area.

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Black Hills Back40

The Back40 bike race celebrates its 4th year! All net proceeds from the race were donated to Black Hills Habitat for Humanity.

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