

BECAUSE OF THIS HOUSE

Lori Lowery sees people from all walks of life come and go. As a Ramp Lead at Rapid City Regional Airport, she assists these individuals on their journeys.

Characters from across the globe casually pass her as they depart from the small metropolitan of Rapid City. The familiar strangers like the business woman traveling to further her career or the single dad voyaging with his little ones to visit grandparents, they all see Lori's smiling face as they embark on their travels.

We have all made up exaggerated story lines of how these strangers came to be, the cars they drive, the homes they live in or their family ties. The truth is, we have more similarities than differences. We strive to do better and to be better. The career-minded executive or the dedicated father all have stories of their own, as does Lori.

Although modest, her story exemplifies why we build. Even as Lori described her situation on the paper application months ago, she

noted that she was "no more deserving of this gift or less deserving of it than anyone else..." This modesty and ability to recognize the needs of others models the Habitat culture and this hard-working mother of twin teenage boys found the drive, time and dedication to work towards her dream of homeownership.



As an airport employee, she has the opportunity to travel and she, herself, turns into the stranger passing through the foreign airport. Global citizens from around the world spot her but may not realize the choices that led her to becoming a Habitat homeowner.

She made sacrifices to partner with Habitat and spent countless hours in financial literacy classes and on job sites building alongside other partner families. A little secret

others may not know she possesses, Lori recognized the need for a better life for her children and decided to make the journey to homeownership.

Prior to Habitat, crowded conditions and a long commute placed strains on family time. The Lowery family home, located in south Rapid City, allows the family more quality time and better access to the children's activities.

Habitat homeowners come from a variety of backgrounds, just as the patrons at the airport, but they do have many things in common:

A sense of strength

A desire for stability

A path to self-reliance

The homeownership program is not a hand-out, Lori partnered with us through hours of volunteer labor and now pays an affordable mortgage. She now has a place to call her own. She is a soccer mom, a career woman, a daughter and now, a homeowner.

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Contact: Debbie Pack at (605) 348-9196 ext. 207 or debbie@blackhillshabitat.org.

WORLD HABITAT DAY

On World Habitat Day, Habitat for Humanity joins the United Nations and organizations around the world in raising awareness, educating and mobilizing individuals and communities to take action on the current global housing crisis.

**world
habitat
day 2016**

Monday, October 3

*Every four minutes,
Habitat serves a family in
need of better housing.*

Area 4th graders have taken an impressive lead in advocacy through housing activities and artwork expressions of 'what home means' to them. Check out last year's art, now displayed at ReStore in Rapid City.

HABITAT THROUGH AMERICORPS

Currently accepting AmeriCorps National applications for:

Construction Crew Lead
Community Outreach Coordinator

Construction Crew Lead— Member serving in this role will be part of our construction team and assist in expanding our home preservation and new home programs.

Community Outreach Coordinator— Member serving in this position will continue our work establishing 'neighborhood' incorporation through relationship building, community asset identification and organizing neighborhood improvement projects.

Benefits Include:

Living allowance up to \$12,530
\$5,730 Education award
Personal and sick days
Worker's compensation

If you or someone you know is interested, please see the AmeriCorps Opportunities under the "GET INVOLVED" tab on our website.



ELLSWORTH RECEIVES VOLUNTEER AWARD

Military receives honorary award for service.

Ellsworth Air Force Base received the Helpline Center of Rapid City's 2016 Spirit of Volunteerism Award (corporate humanitarian category) on May 24th for its consistent volunteer support of Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity . Airmen from Ellsworth support BHAHFH through multiple build days, hands-on assistance at ReStore and set-up at various Habitat events.



More than 350 people, including local community leaders, non-profit agency representatives and business executives, attended the inaugural Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza. The Helpline Center hosted the luncheon, which recognized and celebrated the efforts of 82 nominees, honorees and award winners.

Pictured are Lt. Col. Jennifer Phelps, 28th CES commander, Staff Sgt. Jordan Haller, 28th CES Water and Fuels Systems Maintenance craftsman and key member of the squadron's volunteer efforts with BHAHFH, and Andrea Serna, Helpline Center board member.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

July 1st marks the start of our 26th year partnering with Black Hills area communities in providing a 'hand up' through affordable housing solutions.

Over the years, together, we have served 122 families locally and 70 families internationally and are already working toward our goal to serve an additional 100 families over the next five years.

The impact of safe, decent, affordable housing on a family who has only known life in substandard housing is immeasurable. Opportunities that were previously out of reach become possibilities when residing in a safe and stable home, a home free from issues that promote illness and allow children to grow and learn, a home built with love and support from others who believe in a family's ability to be good neighbors and become self-reliant, a home where the start of something new begins.

Dreams become expectations that become reality lived out through future generations, all because those who have resources, whether it be time, treasure or talent, willingly share with others who have a need.

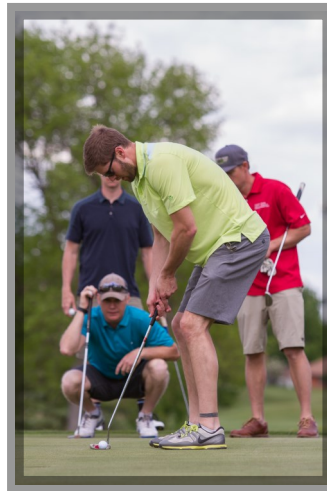
A world where everyone has a decent place to live is Habitat for Humanity's vision. That vision may seem impossible, but as we work together with one family at a time, the ripple effect of change begins.

Many of you have supported us in different ways over the years but have never seen the result of your support face to face. I encourage you to 'follow your gift'; attend a groundbreaking, wall raising or home dedication. See the gratitude and joy on the faces of those whose lives are changed because YOU shared what you have been blessed with. YOU are building not only homes, but communities and hope.

Blessings,
Heidi Christner
Operations Manager



In it's eighth year, the 2016 Tees for Keys golf tournament was a huge success, with enough funds raised to cover the cost of two home packages.



"The enthusiasm for the event and Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity could not be diminished by rain or thunder. Jackson Lewis was happy to sponsor this wonderful event for a great organization."--Kathleen R. Barrow



Kathleen R. Barrow
Jackson Lewis
PC, Platinum
Sponsor

"Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

PLANNED GIVING

A bequest is an easy way to make a lasting difference beyond your lifetime. You may choose a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

We recommend you consult with your financial advisor to determine the best gift arrangement for your estate, and to specify "Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity" in your will. Your contribution will change the lives of families in the Black Hills Area for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this form of partnership with us. Please let us know if you've named us, so we may acknowledge your commitment.

For more information or to notify us of your intentions please contact Debbie Pack (605) 348-9196 ext. 207 or email debbie@blackhillshabitat.org.



We resell donated building materials and home items to raise money for the construction of homes in the Black Hills region. New, used and surplus materials are donated by individuals, contractors, businesses, retailers and manufacturers. Stop by today for shopping with a purpose.

STORE HOURS

Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm

Rapid City

610 E. Omaha Street
605-791-1880

Spearfish

2915 E. Colorado Boulevard
605-717-1882



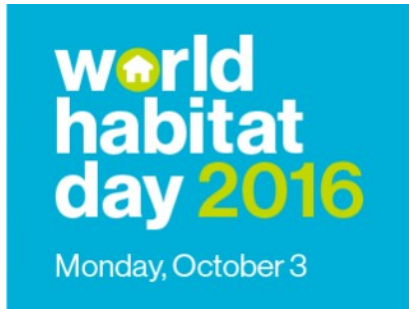
*What does it take to become a
Habitat homeowner?*

RSVP for the **October 22nd 9:00am** informational meeting held by calling 348-9196. **Attendance is required for the new home program.**

Topics to be covered:

- Program criteria
- Application process
- Home layout and design

Meeting location: 610 E. Omaha Street



610 E. Omaha Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Habitat in the Hills

Summer/Fall 2016



*Building HOMES,
COMMUNITIES and HOPE.*

Because of this House



Lowery family story of commitment and dedication.

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