

## BECAUSE OF THIS HOUSE

*New neighbors bring new beginnings into the lives of children living in Garfield neighborhood.*

While construction on the Garfield Green site continues to generate public attention, other remarkable moments are happening in the neighborhood. Kathy and Mike McNamara moved into the neighborhood in August 2016.



Pictured: Kathy and Mike McNamara

It wasn't long before the youth began speeding through the alleyway on their bicycles, stirring up dust and capturing Kathy and Mike's attention.

*"A little attention, kindness, respect and inclusion go a long way."*

The new residents saw this opportunity to meet their neighbors and with the help of their dog, Einstein, they explored the neighborhood and began making connections with the people who called it home.

Instead of flying past their neighbors' homes, the kids began gathering at the McNamara's after school.

It was here that the children learned to play games like jacks and marbles; they even completed their homework together. Kathy and Mike surrounded themselves in their new community with the people living in it.

Some of the children live in homes in which their parents work multiple jobs, some have parents battling cancer and others have incarcerated parents.

"A little attention, kindness, respect and inclusion go a long way," proclaims Kathy.

Now, the McNamara home is a safe place for youth to gather. "We provide a place for the neighborhood kids to come after school to talk about their day and get Tootsie-Pops" says Mike.

## PRESERVATION PROGRAM ADVANCES MISSION

*Home Preservation Program- The Witte family is one among many who can continue to live in a safe home because of the expanding program.*

Even with loss of employment and mobility, Ray and Rochelle Witte press forward together. Through the home preservation program, they can continue to grow and thrive in their home.

The Witte's wheelchair ramp was enlarged to provide better access for Rochelle and both exterior decks were improved to extend longevity. We offer home repair services to homeowners like the Witte's so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes for years to come.

The Witte's were required to partner with Habitat by providing 21 volunteer hours and they now pay an affordable monthly payment for this project.

### Witte Family



*"Habitat is wonderful. They help you. They work with you. They understand."*

*—Ray and Rochelle Witte*

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## WOMEN BUILD

*Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity and longtime national partner Lowe's brought women together during the tenth annual National Women Build Week May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>.*

Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week is a weeklong event that invites women across the country to help families build strength, stability and self-reliance through housing in their local communities.

The Garfield Green project site, located at 928 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street in north Rapid City provided over 50 volunteers the opportunity to apply siding and build porches.



Among the volunteers building were Partner Families Marie Zephier and her mother, Tara Clucas, Emma and Sheryl Gallego, Janelle Mason and Valeria Big Eagle.

Each year, Lowe's provides the support of their employee volunteers, Lowe's Heroes, and conducts how-to clinics at stores.

Dr. Helen Usera was also among the women volunteering. Dr. Usera was selected as this year's Woman of Distinction. Usera, who earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, has served on Black Hills Habitat Board of Directors, chaired the Women Build Committee from 2012-2014 and participated on Habitat Global builds. "I make new friends when I am part of Habitat builds, [whether] here in Rapid City or in other countries. I learn about people, myself, homes and, most importantly, family. There is much satisfaction at the end of the day when I know that I helped a family get their place they can call home," proclaims Usera.

## VOLUNTEER VOICE

*Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons and Women Build team up for affordable housing through hands-on projects created especially for future Habitat homeowners.*

Some 60 Girl Scouts from across the Black Hills grabbed their tool belts and participated in a Girls Build Workshop with their adult role models on March 18, April 23 and April 27.

Girls gained real life building experience as they worked together to build home accessories for future Habitat homeowners.

These hands-on experiences were held in Rapid City and Spearfish where more than 35 benches, tables, pallet planters and shelves were built.

Nicole Yeary and her daughter, Alyssa, troop #71139, said the experience was fun and fulfilling. "Alyssa and I learned that we can operate different power tools. We are strong enough and smart enough to follow directions to put things together. This activity did push us out of our comfort zone however; we were able to learn a lot and most importantly, had a good time doing this."



Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons is a non-profit organization that serves more than 13,000 members in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

[www.gsdakotahorizons.org](http://www.gsdakotahorizons.org)



## BUILDERS BREAKFAST

Orchestrating hundreds to come together before many had their first sip of coffee may seem absurd. Why would they disrupt their comfortable morning routine?

The answer is simple—for *everyone* to obtain a decent, affordable place to live.

The 2017 Builders Breakfast, hosted at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, was a picture of community vitality and engagement with 600 people gathered to enjoy breakfast during a Habitat mission-centered hour, thanks to keynote speaker, Rapid City Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Lori Simon and Habitat Homeowner Lori Lowery.

We thank Senator John Thune for a very gracious introduction via video in which he stated, “Owning a home is a fundamental part of the American dream...affordable homes mean moms and dads can provide dependability and stability for the family... communities can continue to flourish.”

Thankfully, we can report that 200 people responded in supporting the Habitat mission financially! Many learned about Black Hills Habitat for the first time. The event was a success thanks to committee members Ashley Auwerter, Josh Farley, Marie Keller, David Neeham and Barb Timperly

*R. Scott Engmann*  
Executive Director

## LEAVE A LEGACY

***Have you included Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity in your planned giving?***

Leave a legacy by making a gift of appreciated stock, IRA charitable rollover, retirement plan or bequest to Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity.

An endowment has been established with Black Hills Area Community Foundation, that ensures your gift will benefit Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity in perpetuity.

Your planned gift will make a lasting difference.

To plan your legacy, contact Scott Engmann at (605)348-9196 or visit the link below:

[https://bhacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\\_id=1195](https://bhacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1195)



Remember to discuss your planned giving intentions with your tax preparer or attorney.



## CALENDAR

**July 29**

**Homeowner Informational Meeting**

610 E. Omaha Street, 9am  
RSVP required

**July 4**

**Independence Day**

Admin Office, Volunteer Training Facility and ReStores Closed

**July 20**

**Volunteer Orientation**

610 E. Omaha Street, 4pm

**August 15**

**Volunteer Orientation**

610 E. Omaha Street, 4pm



# ReStore

***Introducing Bernie Christner, faithful volunteer for 10 years***

Bernie says the reason he has volunteered at ReStore for 10 years is because he really believes in the Habitat Mission! He stays focused on getting the donations placed on the floor for our customers to shop!

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

Join Bernie in supporting the Habitat mission. **Volunteer today!**



## RESTORE HOURS

**Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm**

**Rapid City**

610 E. Omaha Street  
605-791-1880

**Spearfish**

2915 E. Colorado Boulevard  
605-717-1882





## BLACK HILLS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**July 20  
and  
Aug. 15**

**4pm  
Volunteer  
Orientation**

\*Pre-registration is required for all orientations.  
Please call (605) 348-9196 ext. 205, or  
email [nick@blackhillshabitat.org](mailto:nick@blackhillshabitat.org)\*



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## BLACK HILLS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

# Habitat in the Hills

Spring/Summer 2017



*Building HOMES,  
COMMUNITIES and HOPE.*

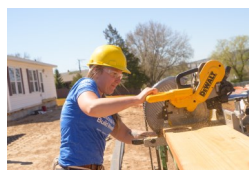
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