A Place to Call Home...

Melissa Talbot and her two children, Kamilla and Koda, moved into their new Habitat home on July 26, 2019. That evening, organizations from across the community gathered to welcome Melissa to her new home and presented her numerous gifts. Melissa is the ninth new homeowner in the past 12 months, and her Black Hills Habitat home and mortgage will save her $126,000 in interest, resulting in an affordable monthly payment. Melissa’s is the seventh of eight homes to be completed in the Garfield Green development. The final home was completed at the end of August.

“Thank you for an amazing opportunity to better our lives. We’re not just a Habitat Partner Family, we’re a Habitat Family.” - Melissa

Home Repair

On June 25, six members of Custer High School’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter gave 30 hours of their time and talent painting the home of Mary Vandeberg, Hot Springs resident. Habitat organized the project and completed siding and eave repairs prior to the painting. South Dakota Housing Development Authority provided the paint through their annual Paint South Dakota program.

Mary’s home was scraped and primed on June 15th, and included the help of future Hot Springs Habitat homeowner, Lacey Piazza, as she begins her path toward Habitat homeownership. Not only did these youth help Mary paint her home, but their volunteered time also helped Lacey toward her required 250 hours of sweat equity towards her home. The idea is to build community and relationship among neighbors as they assist with Habitat homes and home repairs.

Anyone interested in helping with repairs like Mary’s or helping Lacey toward her goal of homeownership are encouraged to contact Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity to learn how to become part of the mission of “bringing people together to build...
Jim and Chris Manley began volunteering at Lehigh Valley ReStore in 2017. When they retired in 2018 they brought their experience and passion for volunteering to the Black Hills and the Rapid City ReStore. Together they have put in 280 hours of volunteer labor and we look forward to seeing them every Thursday. Volunteers like the Manleys are making a difference in our community and they would like to invite you to join them as a volunteer in ReStore.

"Now that we are retired we have the opportunity to give back." - Jim

"We enjoy helping out when we can." - Chris

From the desk of R. Scott Engmann
Executive Director

“Be doers of the word, and not just hearers.” - James 1:22

When I sat down with Rangel Construction CEO, Mario Rangel, I was struck by how peaceful and focused he was and how sincerely interested he was in the ministry of Habitat. Mario shared the importance of craftsmanship and the challenges of creating and sustaining a “family” company culture, as their company has grown and experienced significant success. Mario indicated that he wanted to reflect more on our talk and consider what he and his company could do to help the Habitat mission. Never did I imagine that some of his team would commit two weeks of service providing critical construction skill in excavation and concrete flatwork for our latest home at 249 Doolittle St. this August. Rangel Construction is a doer of the word and their generosity will be felt for generations to come through another safe, affordable home in Rapid City, SD.
Upcoming Events:

⇒ **Monday, September 23:**
   *Dubray Home Dedication*
   229 Patton Street, 5:30 p.m.
   Join us as we welcome Deb and her family into their new home!

⇒ **Saturday, September 28:**
   *Women Build*
   249 Doolittle Street, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   Registration is $30 and includes lunch and t-shirt.
   For more information or to register, visit:
   [www.blackhillshabitat.org/events/wb19/](http://www.blackhillshabitat.org/events/wb19/)

⇒ **Saturday, Oct. 5:**
   *Garfield Gathering*
   929 Dilger Avenue, 11 a.m.
   Join us as we celebrate the completion of Garfield Green and the community that made it possible! Food and fun to follow at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 532 Adams Street.

⇒ **Monday, Oct. 7:**
   *World Habitat Day*
   For more information, visit: [www.blackhillshabitat.org](http://www.blackhillshabitat.org)

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a home can bring.

From right to left: Talbot family; Goings family; DuBray family | Photos courtesy of Johnny Sundby Photography

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