

Family Advocacy

Eric and Val Big Eagle traveled to Washington DC in mid-February as one of only 12 Habitat for Humanity families from across the United States advocating for affordable housing. They purchased their Habitat home on February 7th and spoke with South Dakota's US Senators and Representative on February 13, 2019. The couple emphasized the need for affordable housing, and the new opportunities they look forward to as Habitat homeowners with their three children. They also advocated for funding and expanding affordable housing, such as Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program. Eric and Val's Habitat home and mortgage will save them \$118,000 in interest.



"It's a dream come true, we wouldn't be able to have a home if it were not for all of you... we're forever grateful." - Eric & Val

Home Repair



As an Air Force veteran, Glenn and his wife, Joyce, searched unsuccessfully for home repair help. They then found Habitat for Humanity. Putting community partnership into action, Black Hills Habitat joined with Fountain Springs Church to help Glenn and Joyce: Black Hills Habitat facilitated the re-shingling of their home and garage with shingles donated by a local business, and Fountain Springs Church members painted their garage. What a beautiful home!

"Insurance would not cover our home until it was re-shingled... thank you, thank you, thank you so much!"

- Joyce

Learn more at www.blackhillshabitat.org

To support our mission, please mail checks payable to: Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity
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BLACK HILLS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Janelle has worked diligently to complete her sweat equity hours and attend financial readiness classes that are required of Habitat partner families. She no longer has to worry about homelessness for her children. We are thrilled that Janelle will soon purchase a home of her own!

Over the next five years, our goal is to build **40** affordable homes and provide **110** critical repairs. Every family that we serve is one out of **3500**. Each of these families will be able to have safe and stable housing. We look forward to changing the Black Hills area by providing housing for these families. Will you join us in making a difference for families like Janelle's?



Rapid City ReStore
610 E. Omaha St.
(605) 791-1880

Spearfish ReStore
2915 E. Colorado Blvd.
(605) 717-1882

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9-5

Did you know ReStore accepts working appliances?



We are looking for working washers, dryers, refrigerators, and freezers to support our mission! Donate your old appliance today, and help a family achieve stability and self-reliance through shelter. *Pickup is available. Call store for details.

FAITH BUILD 2018



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On March 1, Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent Financial and local churches celebrated the completion of an affordable home in Rapid City. The celebration was the culmination of the Begay family's dream to own their own home. "I want to feel the satisfaction of home ownership. I also want to be able to pass a home down to my son one day, so that he can have a home of his own," said Marcus Begay. "We want this home to be our forever home."

This home was one of the most challenging homes we've built, due to the accident that changed the life of one of our teammates, Leah Nixon. "I am happy that I got to work alongside Marcus and get to know him," said Leah. "That I'm learning over and over again that God will take care of me tomorrow, and the next day, and the next. That there is no rock bottom, but there is a very strong web that holds us all in existence." We thank God that she has risen to the challenges and has completed rehabilitation. She is now back in Rapid City, following her passions and focusing on her art and stationery business.

This Faith Build challenged our faith in some radical and unpredicted ways and we learned about trusting in His sovereign will and powerful arms to carry us through. When tragedy strikes, we are not to pull back, but continue forward, trusting God to carry us through.

Join us on the sales floor in our Spearfish ReStore!

We are seeking individuals and small groups to volunteer in our Spearfish ReStore. Volunteers will help process and clean donations in order to ready them for resale. All sales support the Habitat mission and your support is needed!

Skill: No skills required—our ReStore staff is ready to train!

Time Commitment: A minimum of 3 hours per month



We have many other volunteer opportunities! If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, email volunteer@blackhillshabitat.org or call our office at 605-348-9196.



June 6, 2019
Arrowhead Country Club



\$150-Individual

\$550-Team of Four

Earlybird Pricing (Before May 1):
\$125-Individual | \$500-Team of Four

Sponsorship Opportunities are available.



Join the Builders Club!

The Club's goal is to provide the consistent funding needed to improve living conditions for families in the Black Hills. Your monthly support will help to make this vision possible.

For more information on joining the Builders Club, contact Krystal Hammer at krystal@blackhillshabitat.org.

Upcoming Events:

May 4:

Volunteer Orientation

10 am @ Habitat office: 610 East Omaha Street

RSVP at our website: www.blackhillshabitat.org
or email Kimberly@blackhillshabitat.org.

May 9-11:

ReStore Annual Parking Lot Sale

Spearfish and Rapid City ReStore locations!

Stop by between 9 AM and 5 PM to score some great deals on building supplies, furniture and more!

every family
deserves a second chance.



Did you know...

that in the Rapid City area, **35%** of residents are cost burdened, meaning that they pay more than 30% of their income on housing. A recent independent study showed a housing gap of **3500** affordable owner-occupied homes.*

Janelle was in that 35%. She worked hard to be provider for her family, despite difficult circumstances and homelessness she and her children encountered when her husband abandoned them. After applying for our program, her story has changed.

Read more about Janelle and the **3500** campaign inside!

<https://www.blackhillsknowledgecenter.org/news/housing-study.html#XLILf-hKIUK>
Rapid City Housing Affordability Study, 2018, P. 78

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