

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

Dear Friends:

My sincere **thanks** for your consistent, generous support and prayers for the work of Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity. We are here to build homes, communities and hope, and in right now it seems we need a lot of all three! In light of the health precautions needed during this time, we have made adjustments to the way we work, but we are actively engaging virtually and over the phone with all of our partners.

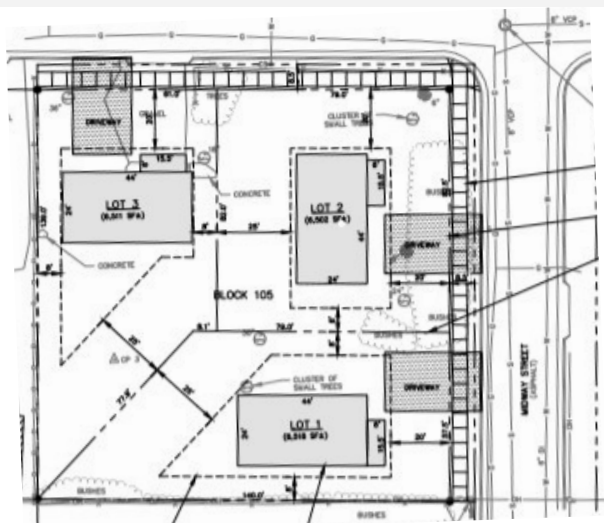
Here is an update of what we have been doing during this time:

- We are pushing forward with diligence, daily building on an affordable home on Dilger Ave, in the Garfield neighborhood. We are preparing seven building sites for homes in 2020-2021. We have spent time resetting and cleaning the ReStores while accepting donations and engaging sales on a limited basis during the month of April. May 1st we reopened with adjustments to our hours of operation and enhanced safety protocols.
- We are fielding calls from Habitat partners who need assistance and guiding them to access community resources available through the 211 Helpline. Each conversation is an opportunity to bless and build people up together.
- Each day at 9 AM, we gather to pray for our community via conference call. These times have brought us together as a team and have sharpened our focus on where our help truly comes from, and where our eternal hope lies. We welcome your prayer requests and invite you to call them in, email prayer@blackhillshabitat.org, and message or post via Facebook/blackhillshabitat. It would be an honor and privilege to pray for you.
- We launched a new social media campaign emphasizing **#thankfulforhome!** We invite you and your family to participate with us. Simply take a photo or video of something or someone that represents how you are thankful for home and post it to Facebook and add the hashtag #thankfulforhome. Perhaps it's simply a secure place, or a warm place, enough food, safety, space to play, etc. In this season, we all have so much to be thankful for, and this is one small way we can celebrate the good!

In short, we are looking forward to a future where together we continue to put God's love into action building homes, communities, and hope. We wanted to **Thank You** for all the ways you have supported Habitat and we believe that better days are yet to come as we keep showing up and continue trusting in God's sovereign plan.

With deep thanks and appreciation,

R. Scott Engmann
Executive Director



Three Homes on Midway

YOUR SAVINGS, YOUR LEGACY

A **charitable IRA rollover** is a gift option that enables donors age 70 1/2 or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from the donor's IRA to a qualified charity each year. This can help you avoid additional tax income, which may allow you to avoid taxation at a higher tax bracket. The gift should be transferred from the IRA directly to Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity in order to receive benefits.

"Helping folks all around the world to have a real opportunity to live meaningful, safe and productive lives is about as good as it gets. Habitat delivers. Your investment pays off big time."

- John, Legacy Donor

Learn more at www.blackhillshabitat.org

Habitat on the Hill 2020

Habitat homeowner Deb Dubray traveled to Washington D.C. in February to advocate for affordable housing. The five day trip included trainings, meetings with Senators Thune and Rounds teams, a rally on Capitol Hill, and some sight seeing, plus a surprise visit with Representative Dusty Johnson. The goal was to advocate for the continuation of Federal funding for Habitat affiliates nationwide. By sharing her story, Deb was able to put a face to the cause and explain the full impact and true value of owning an affordable home. Deb has been in her home since September and has pledged to continue paying it forward.



Homeowner Deb Dubray and Volunteer Engagement Associate Kimberly Wallace at the affordable housing rally on Capitol Hill.



Operations Manager Heidi Christner, Volunteer Engagement Associate Kimberly Wallace, Habitat Homeowner Deb Dubray, and Representative Dusty Johnson

Join us with your voice for change and help us end poverty housing locally and globally! Check out our website at www.blackhillshabitat.org/get-involved/advocacy for more details!

every family
deserves a second chance



Nicole's Story

As a single parent, Nicole experienced the difficulty of finding an affordable home. She and her daughter, Hannah, have lived in apartments for years and endured the pain of increasing rents and lack of stability. After qualifying for the Habitat affordable home ownership program, and completing the 250 hours of sweat equity required as part of the down payment for her home, Nicole diligently continued to invest her labor above and beyond the expectation by working many additional hours in construction. Nicole was blessed to finally purchase her Habitat home January 23, 2020.

"It will be life changing to have a home I can call my own, and the feeling of security and stability for a single mom is priceless...the floor plan is almost identical to the home I lived in as a child, so it will feel literally like coming home!" - Nicole

every one deserves a decent place to live



Howard is a hard-working single parent trying his best to provide for his son. When their roof began to leak, Howard recognized that it needed repairs, but was unable to perform them on his own. Through Habitat's home repair program, he was able to get his roof repaired at an affordable price that he will pay for over time. He and his son, Lance, now have a safe and dry place to call home.

"Thank you for the opportunity for our lives to be better." - Howard

Before



After



Rapid City ReStore

610 E. Omaha St.
(605) 791-1880

Shop:

Monday - Saturday 9-5 p.m.

Donate:

Tuesday - Saturday 9-4:30 p.m.



Spearfish ReStore

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

Shop:

Tuesday - Saturday 9-5 p.m.

Donate:

Tuesday - Saturday 9-4:30 p.m.



Women Build 2020

Leading up to International Women's day on March 8th, women from Assurant, Synchrony, Rapid City Police Department, and The Real Estate group came together to volunteer for Women Build 2020. Women Build is an annual Lowes sponsored event that encourages women to step out of their comfort zone and onto the job site. This year we were joined by Habitat Homeowner, Tara, who was eager to extend a helping hand to her future neighbor. Tara, who moved into the Garfield Neighborhood in 2018, spent the day encouraging other partner women to stay strong and to stay motivated. At the end of the day, Tara and her pals from Assurant donated their volunteer hours to future homeowner, Qwauna, providing 22 of the 250 sweat equity hours required by the program.



To volunteer with Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity
email volunteer@blackhillshabitat.org or call our office at 605-348-9196.

30 Years and Beyond...



Back in 1990, the founding board members of Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity would have never thought that we would serve over 500 people with affordable housing solutions or operate two building material recycling centers in this region, but the foundation they laid was solid. The mission was too important to fade away – in fact, it has only gotten more important as the housing crisis has become more evident in our times and we have grown to help meet that need.

Thirty years on, we continue to build homes with people in need, but more importantly, we strive to help them see God's love in action. The building and renovating of so many homes is a visual reminder that God cares a lot about people and where they live every day, and about creating communities of hope, and support. As we press forward into the next 30 years, I pray we will never forget that our Creator is still creating and will do much more than we can hope or imagine. Our job is to trust and take the next step.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. [unclear]".

Executive Director



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We build **strength, stability, and self-reliance** through **shelter.**

