

Continuing to Lay the Foundation for a Better Future

Denise Berry's decision to become a Builders Club member with Habitat for Humanity stems from her late husband, Jon's, experience and their appreciation for the Native American community.

Denise will never forget how Jon was greeted when they attended a Pow Wow years ago. A young man took one look at Jon's Army pin and said, "Welcome home, brother."

That was the first time Jon had heard those words. At the time, he was over 60 and had served from age 18-20 as a helicopter gunner in Vietnam. Since that day, Denise has had the desire to help the Native American community in an impactful way.

Until last fall, she hadn't found an organization that demonstrated a close relationship with the Native community. When she learned of our work with Native American families she said, "I'm so very grateful I finally found the way to build change by supporting your affiliate."

Denise's decision to join the Builders Club followed a visit to Jon's grave at the National Cemetery. She knows Jon would be pleased that a recurring gift was made in his memory, and, most importantly, that "families in the Black Hills community [have] an increased opportunity to build safe and secure shelter for themselves, and brighter futures because of it."

Builders Club members provide sustainable support to increase affordable housing in the Black Hills.



A donation, no matter the size, makes a big impact, and monthly gifts impact affordable housing well into the future!



In South Dakota

1 IN 11 HOUSEHOLDS

spend half or more of their income on housing.

by donating or volunteering, you are making the #costofhome
affordable for families in our community



Called to Encourage

"So encourage each other and give each other strength, just as you are doing now."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

There is something special about being present at the dedication of a Habitat home. The Bible reminds us "if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26

Our Family Support Advisors have the privilege of living out this verse, and of connecting with our future homeowners in a unique way. They offer support and guidance through the difficulties of life as partner families work toward their goals, and they are at the finish line cheering the family on when they finally have their keys in their hands.

Family Support Advisor, Deanna, described the experience as follows:

"Sam...was the first person we partnered with. From the get go she was determined to work towards home ownership. She made our involvement easy."

Please consider today if you would be willing to join in community with our future homeowners and commit to helping encourage them in their success. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping a family become a homeowner, please contact Kimberly at 605-348-9196 to learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity!



"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." —Irish Proverb

Path To Homeownership



1. Family calls Habitat with need for housing



2. Family invited to info. meeting



3. Family Selection reviews
Qualified families are approved



Home Repair: Providing a Good Night's Sleep

Ashley went to bed each night worried that her home might catch fire due to the exposed electrical wires in her home. Because of her limited finances and the age of her home, she struggled finding anyone who was willing to make her home safe. Without Habitat Home Repair, Ashley would not have been able to stay in her home and continue to provide stability for her two small children.



We help with...

- Siding
- Framing
- Windows
- Doors
- Insulation
- Skirting
- Drywall
- Minor electrical and plumbing*

*Project approval is considered on a case by case basis and is subject to assessment by the construction supervisor.

Why Home Repair?

- Families deserve to live in safe and operable homes.
- Neighborhoods become revitalized.
- Community connections are made.

Moving in? Need furniture? Check out ReStore! Moving out?

Have **extra** furniture you don't need anymore?

We offer free pickup for large donations.
Simply call our donation hotline
at 605-349-3161
to schedule your pickup!



4. Family begins sweat equity requirements.



6. Family purchases home and moves in!



5. At 100 hours family is offered a home location.

s the app.
proved.



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



Three for One

Where a condemned house once stood on the corner of Midway and MacArthur there will soon be three new homes. We broke ground on the project in March of 2021 and two of the lots have already been assigned to future Habitat homeowners, Joyce and Marie. This will be the site of our 2021 Thrivent Faith Build and our 20th home built in partnership with Thrivent Financial and the local faith community. To get involved in the project or sign your church up for a build day email:

Volunteer@blackhillshabitat.org.

Learn more about our Midway project at www.blackhillshabitat.org.

Pray. Serve. Give.