



From the Director

Dear Friends,

As the chasm between what is available to buy or rent and what our local workforce can afford widens by the day, Habitat for Humanity is striving forward to meet the housing crisis head-on. Because together, we all share the belief that our homes should be healthy, that our communities should thrive, and that the foundations we lay should serve as springboards to stability and opportunity, we humbly ask for your continued support. We ask that you participate in an upcoming study regarding a capital campaign that would ultimately impact the scaling of our housing efforts.

Starting September 13 we will be **contacting you for interviews** and/or survey feedback to help us gauge your support for our vision for boosting production in the following ways:

Building 40 new homes

Repairing 110 homes

Expanding our ReStore in Rapid City

Your thoughts will help us make critical decisions regarding our future. Please continue to visit our website to learn more about the campaign. It remains an honor and privilege to serve with you,

Sincerely,

Scott Engmann
Executive Director

Join the Builders Club



Builders Club is a monthly giving program that maximizes your gift by providing a consistent, reliable source of funding that provides stability to our mission and the families we serve.



Building Independence

On the inside of Charla Henk's wrist, July 11, 2009 is scrawled in bold cursive writing. "I called it my independence day," she said, moving back her bracelets to further reveal the tattoo. It was the day Charla's Habitat home was dedicated and she moved her four children out of her parent's basement and into rooms of their own. Habitat was Charla's opportunity to put the past behind her and though many unforeseen challenges lay ahead, the experience resulted in strengthening her

daughter, Heather, who would grow up to become strong, resilient, and self-reliant. For Heather, "Independence Day" meant saying goodbye to the volunteers who ate pizza with her on the floor, adopting her first cat Skittles, and starting over in a new school. On her first day she met Page, and when Page's mom offered her a ride home, the girls realized they lived on either side of the twin home. As time went on, their friendship blossomed and while their request to put a door between the two homes was denied, their promise to be each other's bridesmaids would eventually come true.

As Heather found herself settling into a new routine, Charla began experiencing some health concerns, disrupting her ability to consistently work. Reflecting on all the hard work her mother put into the house, Heather, who was only 14 at the time, found the strength to step up and contribute with her brothers. Together, the family maintained their home for ten years.

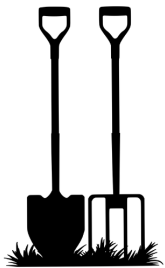
As Heather wrapped up her college degree, and prepared for her upcoming nuptials, the family came to another crossroads.

Seeking support in her day to day routines and more companionship while Heather was at work, Charla made the brave decision to move to an assisted living facility. Looking back on the blessings their home provided,



Heather decided the right decision for their family was to donate their home back to Habitat and let another family build their own memories.

The home will be rededicated this fall and we hope both Charla and Heather will be in attendance. Check out our next mailing to hear about the next chapter in this Habitat journey.



Youth Group Engagement

Since our beginning in 1990, Habitat has been built on a foundation of faith. Our mission to build safe, affordable housing comes from a desire to put God's love into action. We are God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show His love, and it is time for the next generation to join us in our work.

Ground Breakers is a new Habitat initiative that encourages youth groups to **examine**, **educate**, and **engage** with the community around them. The tangible experience Habitat provides allows teens 14+ to live their faith and give back to the community. **Our goal is to create a better tomorrow and it starts with this generation!** Talk to your Youth Pastor about getting your church involved. For more information call 605-348-9196 or email volunteer@blackhillshabitat.org.



International Day of Prayer

Habitat for Humanity's International Day of Prayer and Action will be observed on **Sunday, September 19th**. On this day Habitat affiliates across the globe will come together in prayer for those in need of shelter. Are you or someone you know in need of prayer for shelter? Email admin@blackhillshabitat.org with your prayer requests or to receive our monthly Prayer Partners e-blast.

His Past Our Future

In 2019, Carol Cameron contacted Habitat for Humanity. Carol had never worked with Habitat before, but in response to a simple request, she found a way to give back while honoring the memory of her late husband by donating his beloved stamp collection.



“Doug had a lifelong love of stamps from the time he was a little boy. This fascination stayed with him through life. In his retirement, he spent endless hours ‘playing’ with his collection, organizing according to themes, denominations and countries, collecting unusual stamps from many foreign countries while traveling. Showing stamps to others was one of his greatest pleasures. It would delight him immensely

to know that others are still enjoying these treasures.

Wanting to find a meaningful way to use the stamps to benefit others prompted me to answer a ‘holiday wish list’ advertisement by Habitat for Humanity who were looking for help in defraying their mailing costs. This seemed a perfect fit. To date, we have helped send around 300-400 mailers, at no additional cost to Habitat.”

—Carol Cameron



Reduce, Reuse Recycle

Reduce, reuse, recycle has been the mantra of ReStore from day 1. Since we opened our ReStore locations in Rapid City (2007) and in Spearfish (2013), **we have reduced the environmental impact on our landfills by recycling 7,447,041 lbs. of material!** In 2022 Black Hills

Area Habitat for Humanity has plans to double our recycling efforts. Join us by donating to ReStore today! **Call 605-791-1880 to schedule a free pick up!**

ReStore to Restoration

Our environmental impact doesn't end with reducing construction waste and recycling materials. **By July**

2022 our Home Repair crew has the goal of completing 18

Home Repair projects . By

preserving the housing stock in our community, Habitat is taking a sustainable approach to our vision of

a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Do you know someone in need of an affordable home repair? Help us recruit new families by sharing program details with friends and neighbors!

This home repair
completed by



For more information

605-348-9196



**A world
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World Habitat Day

More than 30 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly took an important step in promoting the idea that everyone deserves a decent place to live by declaring that the first Monday in October would be World Habitat Day. Join us on **October 4, 2021** and year round by lifting your voice to help people in need of decent and affordable housing. How do you get started? Engage with us on all our social media platforms! Taking the time to like, comment, and share on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram is a simple way to raise awareness for the need for affordable housing in our community and across the globe!



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Hope Fulfilled

These three health care workers partnered with Habitat in the hopes of one day owning their own home. They couldn't have imagined that a year later they would be navigating a global health crisis alongside their 250 hours of sweat equity.

Through hard work, faith, and your support, these women faced the challenges and each achieved their goal of homeownership!

More stories of homes, community, and hope inside →

