



Brookings Area  
**Habitat**  
 for Humanity®

March 2017

**A Brush With Kindness/ Home Essential Repairs**  
**Help us help you stay in your home. Apply today!**

ABWK/HER program is designed to help homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their home reclaim their homes with pride and dignity. The HER program helps make the necessary renovations to the interior to help them stay in their homes longer.

**Typical Projects**

- > Exterior Painting
- > Lawn Clean-Up
- > Accessibility Ramps
- > Grab Bar Installation
- > ADA Compliant Toilets
- > Door Widening to accommodate wheelchairs



**To qualify you must:**

- Own and live in the home being repaired
- Demonstrate a need
- Meet income guidelines
- Be willing to complete 20 hours of "sweat equity" however you're able— Construction, providing meals, etc.

**For applications or more information call us at 605-697-2540 or visit our website**

**[www.brookingshabitat.org](http://www.brookingshabitat.org)**

| <b>Family Size</b> | <b>Maximum Yearly Income</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>           | <b>\$36,800</b>              |
| <b>2</b>           | <b>\$42,050</b>              |
| <b>3</b>           | <b>\$47,300</b>              |
| <b>4</b>           | <b>\$52,550</b>              |
| <b>5</b>           | <b>\$56,800</b>              |
| <b>6</b>           | <b>\$61,000</b>              |

\*Income levels are set annually by US Department of Housing & Urban Development and are 30-80% of the median income. Income guidelines valid in Brookings County through Spring 2017.



# BECAUSE OF THIS HOUSE...

## Welcome Ryan and Ashley to the Habitat Family!



Ryan and Ashley Krogmann (pictured above) closed on their home on January 12, 2017. Their new home (pictured right) is located in Aurora, SD.

Habitat for Humanity has changed our lives. Through this great program, we now have a beautiful home—one we never could have bought without Habitat.

We cannot thank all the volunteers, staff and partners that

helped our dream come true. We would also like to extend a big thank you to Superior Homes in Watertown for partnering with Habitat and making our dream home possible.

We have been so blessed since we were approved for this home and we cannot wait to see what the future holds.

Thank you and God bless.

*-Ryan and Ashley Krogmann*



## Jason and Kristen Prout—Homeowners



Jason and Kristen Prout and their four children (pictured above) closed on their home (pictured right) on December 16, 2016. Welcome The Prout Family to our Habitat Family!

Because of this house...  
... We have a great neighborhood to raise our children—Aurora has already shown itself to be a friendly community of families that want to know each other.  
... We have a place our kids can call Home—The kids are settling into their rooms and taking

ownership of their respective spaces.  
... We have the financial stability to plan for the future—We can make plans for family adventures without the uncertainty of dealing with rentals.  
... We can hang a picture on the wall

without the need to ask permission—There is a strong sense of worth knowing that we can decorate our house as we see fit.  
... We can plant a tree... and watch it grow.  
...because of this house.

*-Jason and Kristen Prout*



## ReStore News

The month of February has brought us some unexpected warm weather! Along with the warm weather came strong sales, as a result of very strong donations. Our processing room has been full almost all month and our sales floor is overflowing, which is what we want! We also received a very generous donation this month of

commercial shelving from Brad and Carrie Knutson at the Toronto Food Mart. This donation is really going to help us out and we are excited to put it to use. These shelves will help us to display small items such as paint, hardware, etc. We are always looking for ways to improve the store and this will help a great deal. Thank you Brad and Carrie Knutson!

## Spring Cleaning

March finds us getting ready for our Spring Cleaning Donation Drive which will take place in April. This Donation Drive is an effort to reach out to the public and offer a convenient service to area churches and their congregations. Each Saturday in April, excluding April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our yellow van and a ReStore employee for two- three hour

sessions at participating churches. During this time we will be accepting donations and educating the public on ReStore hours, volunteer opportunities, DIY projects, etc. We have several sessions still available—Contact us if your church would like to participate.

## Welcome Jeremy– New ReStore Manager



*Jeremy took over as ReStore manager at the beginning of February. Welcome Jeremy to his new role!*

We would like to take this moment to officially welcome Jeremy Duus as the new manager of the ReStore. Jeremy started working with us back in July. He has a background in woodworking and furniture, which has proved to be a great benefit at the store. This knowledge aids not only in the repair that is occasionally required, but

also in determining an item's origin and worth. His friendly demeanor welcomes all who stop by the store. Most of the time he is lending a helping hand wherever he is needed, but he will also stop and take the time to talk to a customer about a potential purchase or just about life in general. From starting as a sales associate, to assistant

manager, and now to the main store manager, we appreciate all that Jeremy has contributed to the ReStore, and hope that his tenure as manager will bring great success.

## Get Involved

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat. Time and time again, our community has demonstrated its generosity through countless hours of volunteering. Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is always looking for passionate individuals and organizations to join us in our fight against substandard housing in Brookings and Lake County. Volunteers of all skill levels, races and religions are welcome—we appreciate all of the hard working volunteers we can get. Contact us today and we'll help you get started!



# Thank You, Donors!

**Thanks to your donations, Habitat is transforming the lives of more than 3 million people world wide!**

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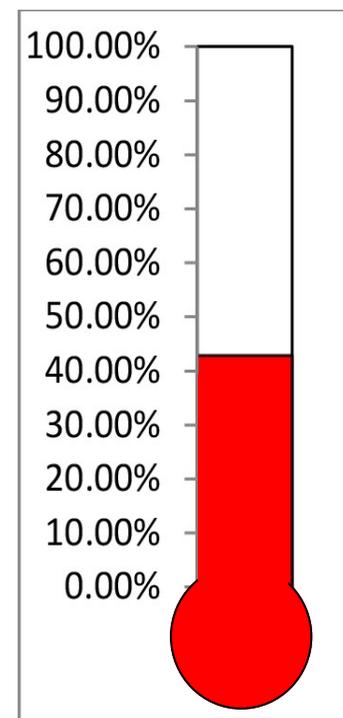
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Please forgive us if your name was omitted or misspelled. It's not that you aren't appreciated, just a clerical error. Please let us know if any errors occurred.

*We are a 501(c)3 organization, which means that any monetary gift that we receive is both tax deductible for you and an improved home situation for someone else!*

**\*Donations made between Oct. 31, 2016 and Feb. 1st, 2017**



***We've reached 42% of our goal!***



## A Note from Upstairs

I am the only person in our office whose desk is on the second floor. The conference room that is adjacent to my office was once the second floor's sunroom. I am writing this while I look out those windows. It is a day that encourages us to hope that spring has finally arrived. It is the end of February, so we know better. Still, it is nice to hope.

Spring is a time of beginning and we are planning for the upcoming construction season. Partner families 64 and 65 are all the way through the process and we will begin construction on their homes just as soon as we can. We are still working with families and hope to have at least one more approved soon. Families seeking a new affordable home should contact us through our website ([www.brookingshabitat.org](http://www.brookingshabitat.org)) or call the office (605.697.2540) and

we will have a member of the Home Owner Selection team reach out to the prospective family.

You probably saw in the newspaper that we have expanded our home renovation program. It used to be focused on exterior painting and lawn clean up, it is now building accessibility ramps, and doing other interior renovations designed to help people stay in their homes a little while longer. Recently, we hired Trever Sheldon as our project manager to help make this transition successful. We have three of those projects lined up and looking for more. People needing assistance should call the office (605.697.2540) and we will mail them an application.

We recently purchased two building lots in Madison, SD and have begun the process of finding partner families in Lake County. Our website lists income guidelines for both counties we serve.

As we plan for the future it is also the time we wrap things up. Our fiscal year ends on June 30 so we are working hard to raise the money needed to finish this year's

projects and have the resources to accomplish all we hope to in the future.

Habitat for Humanity gets no direct government funding. We have been able to access money from the state through its Housing Opportunity Fund. For the last several years this fund has been the state's principal mechanism for supporting affordable housing projects across the state. That fund has very few dollars left and we have been told not to expect it to be refilled anytime soon.

As a result, your support is even more important than it has been in the past. Please fill out the enclosed card and send it, along with your gift, to our offices. You can trust we will be good stewards of your hard-earned dollars. Your gifts have an enormous impact on the lives of your neighbors.

I thank you.

Dan McColley  
Executive Director

*The Dining Room*  
by A.R. Gurney



*June 9 and 10, 2017*

*(Friday Evening, Saturday Afternoon, Saturday Evening)*

*Performing Arts Center*

*South Dakota State University*

*Free Admission—Free Will Donation*

*To raise funds for the*

*Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity*

*Building Programs*

# Meet Our Newest Board Member!



We would like to welcome Andrea Carlile as our newest member of the Board of Directors. Andrea joined the Board at the February 2017 meeting. She brings skills in goal setting, strategic planning, government relations, human resource and development, and public relations. With

over fifteen years in competitive speaking and coaching experience, her strongest attributes are communication and volunteer recruitment. Andrea is a professor at South Dakota State University in the Department of Communication Studies. She also serves on regional planning committees to oversee

forensic leagues and planning tournaments and assists with the organization of 1Million Cups to facilitate and arrange weekly meeting. With her busy schedule Andrea still finds free time to enjoy her interests such as cooking, fashion, running and politics. We look forward to having her on our board!

Welcome Andrea!

## Our Board of Directors:

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*Director*

## Our Staff:

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*Executive Director*

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*Student Worker*



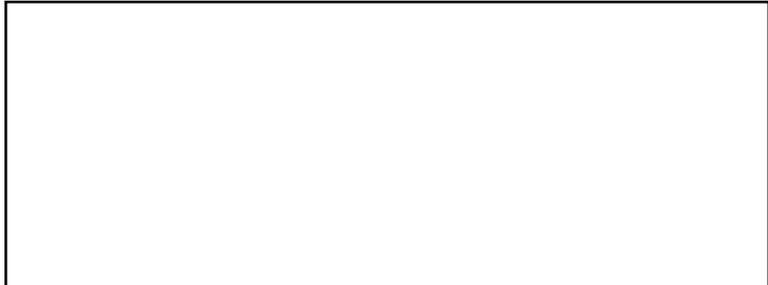
**If you can write a check, prepare a tasty lunch, pull weeds, swing a hammer or sort nuts and bolts, you can be a part of building a better Brookings. Join your neighbors on a Habitat project now!**

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

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Your donation helps families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With your support, Habitat will continue to transform the lives of more than 3 million people world wide.

Consider a monthly donation today!

I would like to improve someone's home situation with my gift of:

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1000 Other

Enclosed is my check payable to Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity

- \$10 Box of Nails \$75 Window \$777 Insulation
\$35 Roof Shingles \$150 Front Door \$991 Framing Material
\$50 Toilet \$500 Siding \$2000 Flooring

Business or Individual Name:

Contact Name and Phone Number:

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