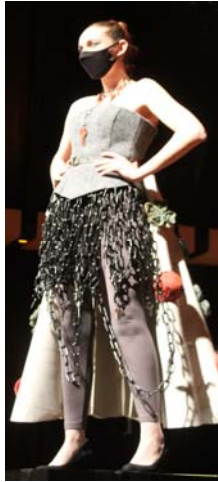


# THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Quarterly Newsletter



## Virtual Gala, Real Success



Photos from left to right— Model Joan Hegerfeld-Baker in Annie Versary, Bella Kappenman in Lady Lynne O'Liam, Brooke Nelson in Guardian of Love, Stephanie Aure in Key to Success, and Ashley Biggar in Guardian of Earth.

Designers and models took the spotlight as "Nail the Runway" hit the stage on March 27th. The annual Habitat fundraiser raised \$25,000 to build affordable homes in Brookings and Lake County.

**Best in Show**— Annie Versary designed by The Wacky Water Women  
**Best Use of Design Element**—Key to Success designed by Ashley Ivica  
**Most Innovative Use of Construction Materials**—Lady Lynne O'Liam designed by Margaret Kappenman  
**Most Wearable**—Guardian of Love designed by Wendy Long  
**People's Choice**—Guardian of Earth designed by Wendy Long

The event allows people to design outfits for a fashion show...as long as the outfits are primarily made of construction materials. This year designers incorporated the featured element of 'keys.' Seventeen different costumed models worked the runway to show the designers' amazingly creative results.

Unlike previous years, the event was entirely live streamed from SDSU's Performing Arts Center to a larger at home audience.

The viewers were able to vote for their favorite designs as well as bid on dozens of items available via an online silent auction.

"We changed things a bit this year due to Covid precautions," emcee Randy Grimsley said. "While it meant we couldn't have the in-person gala we've always enjoyed, we were able to bring this year's program to hundreds of more people who could tune in for a fun night."

The 2022 Nail the Runway

gala will return to a night of dining and socializing in person. The black and white themed gala will be held at the Swiftel Center March 19, 2022. The featured element of 'tile' will adorn dozens of creations for another night of fun like no other!

Brookings Habitat thanks the evening's sponsors, the silent auction donors, the event judges, and the many designers and models who helped make the night a success!

## Thank You to All Those Who Helped Us Nail the Runway

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## Save the Date

Nail the Runway 2022

Where: Swiftel Center, Brookings

When: March 19 2022, 6pm

Join us for our black and white themed formal gala!



## Home Builds Make Progress

After wrapping up work and closing home 73 in February, we are continuing work to finish homes 74, 75, and 76 this spring/summer. Our Thrivent Build (home 74) has been constructed with interior work underway before our Foundation Crew and other volunteers wrap up the next project (home 75). The Brookings High School Building Trades program continues to make progress as well (home 76) as they complete garage construction before finishing the interior work. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make all of our progress possible!



Home 74 located on Walnut Street in Aurora.

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Home 76 located on Eighth Ave in Brookings.

# Board Spotlight

## Brad Ness



Brad joined our Board of Directors, and has acted as Treasurer since 2017. Brad works as a Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Brookings. He brings invaluable information to Habitat around their financial portfolio. Brad and his team come out every summer to help build a Habitat home.

## Andrew Sloss



Andrew recently joined the Habitat for Humanity's Board of Directors in February. He is new to the Brookings area, recently starting as CEO of the BEDC. Andrew has already proved invaluable to our team and we are very excited to welcome him onto the Habitat Board.

# Homes Built With Strong Foundation

Our Foundation Crew has continued to work throughout the pandemic according to guidance from Habitat International. As regularly scheduled volunteers, they have been the driving force behind completing house 73, as well continuing work on house 74, which we hope to have completed by May.

If you would like to join the Foundation Crew, call us today! It's a rewarding way to develop and use skills while socializing with a great bunch of volunteers and helping improve the community!



Foundation Crew volunteer Randie Lund installs a closet door on a recent home build. The crew is a driving force behind most Habitat homes.

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## Birthday Builds



What better way to celebrate your birthday than with a Birthday Build? This year we encourage you to invite seven of your friends or family to help us build affordable housing. The process is easy! Just contact us about a date your group is available to volunteer, start a fundraiser page via Facebook - or fundraise a

donation yourself - and donate proceeds (min. \$200.00) to your Build Day. Your group will receive birthday cupcakes and shirts commemorating your special Birthday Build with Habitat, social media mentions, and your very own day to make a difference in your community. Giving back to celebrate is the ultimate gift!

# 73rd Home Closing



Construction Director Trever Shelden hands the Schefflers the keys at their dedication ceremony.

On February 22nd we closed on our 73rd home, handing over the keys to the Scheffler family.

Covid made work occur more slowly the last several months. Our Foundation Crew and construction staff continued to work on our home projects to help us catch up to our pre-covid planned schedule.

While we weren't able to host an in person party, we hosted a private ceremony with some staff and the Scheffler's close

family to celebrate the closing. Community members showed their support by dropping off gifts prior to the closing event that were opened at the ceremony.

We are incredibly happy that they can now enjoy the fruits of their labor in their new home. As always, we thank all who helped fund and construct the home, and in helping all of our homeowners achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

## 100 Volunteers in 40 Days

We need you! This fall, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity needs community church members to join us in a Thrivent Build.

We will be searching for 100 volunteers over a 40 day period from area churches to help build a home in Brookings County.

We are currently seeking opportunities to speak to congregations, youth groups, and faith based organizations about our upcoming project. If you are a church leader, please reach out to schedule an Opportunity for your organization to learn more about building affordable housing in Brookings at 605-697-2540 or email [volunteers@brookingshabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@brookingshabitat.org).

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