

THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Quarterly Newsletter



Travel with a Purpose



Following a year hiatus due to Covid-19 precautions, the Care-A-Vanner volunteer program returned to the Brookings area this summer.

After a year away, Habitat for Humanity's Care-A-Vanner program is back in full swing as we hosted our first group of Care-A-Vanners in June.

Care-A-Vanners are a large contingent of volunteers who live out of their RVs during the building season. They travel across the country to help move along building projects for Habitat for Humanity and other non-profit organizations. These special volunteers play a huge role in keeping us on schedule for our building season.

To help host the groups, Larson Manufacturing allows them to park their RVs in their

lot free of charge. This home base comes complete with installed electrical and water hookups as well as access to an emergency weather shelter. In addition, area businesses and individuals provide meals for the workers to enjoy during their work day.

Care-A-Vanner crews typically contain anywhere from 6 to 16 people who spend two weeks with our organization. These hard working individuals truly believe in the importance of affordable housing and the Habitat mission.

While they typically don't get to see the end result of their

work, they have faith in communities like Brookings to finish the job once they leave.

The Care-A-Vanners are always complimentary of our community. If you see several RVs parked at Larson Park over the summer, stop by and welcome them to the area! They enjoy meeting the people who make up the community they volunteer to help.

Each group may only be in the area for two weeks, but their impact is felt for years.

If you'd like to learn more about this program, contact our offices. You, too, can 'travel with a purpose.'

New Faces

Jackie Bjerke

Jackie recently began work with Habitat at as an office assistant. She brings a business background and a lot of passion for helping people to the Habitat family. Welcome, Jackie!



Keith Campbell

Keith joined Habitat as a ReStore Associate. While previously interning as an SDSU student, he is ready to help community members with their donations and purchases at the ReStore. Welcome, Keith!



Looking Forward

The infrastructure has begun that will allow BAHFH to begin building homes on our largest section of land to date! The land, located along West 20th Street South (west of the Valley View development) is the future site of 35 lots that will provide homes over the next several years. It comes as a result of an individual's private million dollar donation that was to be used for land purchase only. Currently, plans include initial home construction in the area to begin this fall.

However, we need your help reaching our goal to get the construction funds needed for this endeavor. See 'Unlock the Funds' on back page for how you can help.



L-R: Land Developer Keith Rounds, Board President Kay Norton, and Construction Director Trever Shelden stand behind CEO Dan McColley as they check out the future neighborhood.



How to Help Habitat

Volunteer

- PARTICIPATE IN A BUILD DAY
- VOLUNTEER AT THE RESTORE
- PARTICIPATE IN A RENOVATIONS PROJECT
- FOLD NEWSLETTERS AT OUR OFFICE
- PROVIDE A MEAL TO CONSTRUCTION CREW
- JOIN OUR FOUNDATION CREW

Donate

- DONATE VIA WEBSITE
- BROOKINGSHABITAT.ORG/DONATE
- SEND A CHECK
- SET UP A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION
- REMEMBER US IN YOUR ESTATE
- DONATE ITEMS TO THE RESTORE

Support

- SHOP AT THE RESTORE
- ATTEND GALA FUNDRAISER
- BE A GALA SPONSOR
- DROP OFF METAL RECYCLABLES TO RESTORE
- USE SMILE.AMAZON.COM WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE
- SCHEDULE A BUSINESS BUILD
- HOST A BIRTHDAY BUILD

Lead

- JOIN A COMMITTEE
- HELP OUR HOMEOWNER SELECTION PROCESS
- HELP WITH OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
- APPLY TO BE A BOARD MEMBER

Call us for details on these or other ways you can help Habitat

Board Spotlight

Chuck Bennis

Chuck has acted as Secretary for the Board since 2018. An artist (see his self-portrait), his work can be seen around the area, including Habitat offices. He also serves on our Homeowner Selection Committee and Executive Search teams. Thanks for all you do, Chuck!



Andrea Carlile

Andrea joined the Board in 2017, and also serves as our SDSU Campus Advisor. She is an SDSU Director of Forensics for Communication Studies, winning oration awards along the way. From teaching to community outreach, Andrea is an asset to BAHFH efforts. Thanks for your involvement, Andrea!



Our Thrivent Build is approaching! We are in need of 100 volunteers from churches or Christian organizations in our community to help build our Thrivent home over a 40 day period this fall. If you are part of a church group and would like more information, please contact us at 605-697-2540 or volunteers@brookingshabitat.org. We will send our Faith Relations leaders to speak with your group on how your group can help!



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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!

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the
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A black and white themed event*

MARCH 19, 2022
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to our
Annual
Meeting and
Picnic



Hillcrest Park Shelter E

August 19, 2021 6pm

Food and drinks
provided

Bring your family

Please RSVP to
info@brookingshabitat.org

74th Home Dedication



On June 28th we gathered to celebrate the completion of the Zarpeleh family home. The family received gifts from community members and shared food from their culture with the attendees.

Thrivent Financial, First Lutheran Church, and St John Church Madison were all major contributors to seeing this home to completion. We want to give one final thank you to them, and all who made this build possible!

Unlock the Funds

Help Habitat Unlock Construction Funds!

We need to raise \$500,000 in new funds by June 30, 2022 to unlock an additional donation that assists in our continued home-building efforts!

The additional funds, previously earmarked for land use courtesy of the Larson Foundation, will be redirected in recognition of the increase of costs for construction if we can raise the funds.

Please mail, drop off, call in, or use our website to make a donation today. Write CONSTRUCTION on your check's memo line, or type it in the 'How would you like to designate your funds' box online.

When we reach \$500k, the \$250k will be released, resulting in \$750k in donations specifically aimed at construction materials.

Call our offices with any questions. Thank you for helping unlock the funds!

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