

THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2023



Lend a Hand, Make a Difference



Habitat relies on volunteers to help make affordable home building a reality. Anyone age 18+ can donate their time and talents on a home build, even with no building experience. Other opportunities range from helping with office work to preparing sale items at the ReStore., preparing meals for building crews, and more. All volunteers make an impact for individuals, families, and the community.

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity invites the public to lend a hand and make a difference this summer, and all year long.

"Regardless of how they help in the process, our volunteers are making an impact for the organization and community," Volunteer Coordinator Keith Campbell said. "If they have a desire to help, we can get them involved."

Anyone age 18+ of any experience level can volunteer. Habitat often trains new builders on site, and they end up developing more skills than they thought possible as they gather first hand experience.

For those who would rather not swing a hammer or paint a house, Habitat welcomes volunteer cooks to prepare meals for the construction crews. Individuals and local food businesses take turns provide lunches for 5-15 builders multiple times each week.

In addition, the Habitat ReStore utilizes volunteers to clean, prep, and shelve items—with profits helping build the next home in the community.

And some volunteers find they enjoy coming into the office to help provide help folding newsletters, filing papers, or even cleaning.

While individual volunteering is more common, groups of like-

minded helpers get involved as well. From local businesses utilizing the construction comradery for team-building, to church and community organizations getting involved, everyone is an important part of the Habitat process.

"The volunteers are the backbone of Habitat," Campbell said. "We welcome anyone interested to reach out and see how they can lend a hand and make a difference."

To learn how you, your business, or group can get involved, contact Keith Campbell at 605-697-2450.

Clothes Calls on the Runway

“Nail the Runway” was a success! The unique night of food, fun, and entertainment showcased designer creations made of construction materials. Designs also had to include the chosen element of ‘paint’ in their creation. This year’s Nail the Runway, sponsored by Brookings Home Team powered by Century 21 Krogman and Company, found guests entertained by numerous local models who walked the runway. Judges and the audience determined winners in multiple categories. Our thanks to the MANY sponsors, participants, donors, and participants who joined in our annual benefit! Plans are already underway for Runway 2024 April 6, 2024 at the Dakota Bank Center in Brookings (previously named the Swiftel Center). Wanna be part of it? Call Randy at 605-697-2540 or email randy.grimsley@brookingshabitat.org.

Photo courtesy Jim Hopewell and Kyle Marker



You're
invited to
our Annual
Picnic!

Stop by for a
pulled pork sandwich,
register for prizes,
and celebrate
another year of Habitat!



Brookings Area Habitat
for Humanity Offices
(behind First Lutheran Church)

August 17, 2023 | 6pm

Bring your family!

Please RSVP to
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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!

On the Move...

Habitat recently broke ground on two new homebuilds, and welcomed a homeowner to their new residence! It's all part of a busy 2023, as we work to make a difference for the communities we serve. Welcome to the Habitat family!



Left: The Gormong family broke ground on their new home in Brookings in February, with a plan to complete it in coming months. Middle: The Schipper family started the build process with a groundbreaking of a new home to be completed in Spring 2024. Right: Beth Boone became the first Habitat homeowner in the River Run development in Brookings as she closed on the home in June!

Board Spotlight

Yura Chong Elverud



Yura comes to the Habitat board table with experience in many areas, including her former role as CFO of the Boys and Girls Club and current position as Controller in the SDSU Accounting Office. We look forward to her guidance in furthering our work!

Heather Solberg



Heather joins the board with years of professional experience in marketing, advertising, and writing. She is currently an instructor for SDSU's School of Communication and Journalism. We're glad she found a place at the Habitat board table!

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