

Brookings Area



2022 Annual Report

From the President of the **Board of Directors**



WHAT A RIDE! I am writing this message from Los Angeles, having just finished a 2.400+ miles Route 66 road trip adventure with Don. It's been fabulous, and a not-so-subtle reminder of just how majestic and determined this country has been. The railroad and highway systems, sometimes winding their ways through the

seemingly impervious mountains and desolate desert, connect our land in an almost miraculous way. It's truly beautiful. But along the Mother Road, we also saw areas of abject poverty and homelessness, sad ghost town reminders of days gone by. We realized those lonely ramshackle trailers sitting in the middle of the desert were the places where folks actually lived. I yearned for them to have access to decent housing and a supportive community.

And as always, Brookings Habitat was on my mind and in my heart. While we drove, I had time to reflect on the many BAHFH accomplishments I have seen since 2018 when I first joined the Board. We have gratefully accepted a \$1 million transformational gift that helps position our plans for the coming years; expanded and supported our talented and devoted staff; broadened our donor base; welcomed volunteers from our local area and across the country; set the community standard for "Gala" fundraising events; burned the mortgage on the ReStore; and so much more. But the most important events we have celebrated these past few years have been the 14 groundbreakings and 9 home dedications – there is simply nothing like the joy of signing the paperwork and handing the keys to a new homeowner family. It's an experience unlike any other; how do you describe seeing the look of HOPE on the face of someone who now knows the comfort and security of their own home?

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have volunteered with this affiliate as a Board member, and to have had the privilege of serving as Board president these past three years. As I prepare to "turn over the gavel" in January to incoming president Jennifer Loomis, I am renewed in my commitment to Habitat and its mission, and am looking forward to finishing out my term as a Board member under her leadership. Like those who built our railroads and our

highways against seemingly insurmountable odds, we CAN and we MUST persevere, and continue to strive for a world where everyone has a safe and

decent place to call home. Please join me in this pursuit.

Thanks again for the opportunity to have served as Board president - WHAT A RIDE!

From the Lead Mission Officer



I never get tired of starting these letters with "we had a great year!"

As I reflect on the accomplishments this year, I can see our incremental successes in our local community, across our state and around the globe.

The global ministry of Habitat for Humanity International has served over 39 million people. In South Dakota we joined in partnership with other housing organizations to bring 200 million dollars to the effort of safe and stable housing. Locally we are working with families who need decent and affordable housing.

Our work is not done. It's important for us to grow. The number of families that need decent and affordable housing far outpaces our ability to meet their needs. And just like the first step in the building process is the infrastructure to support the new home, we needed some additional infrastructure so that we can meet the ever-present need. We created two new positions, homeowner services manager and a full-time volunteer coordinator, so that we can better serve more families and staff more building sites with all important volunteers. We met our revenue goals and, in extremely challenging economic situations, kept our expenses in line.

The local faith community is such an important partner in our work. It was great fun, and extremely productive to welcome faith leaders into conversation about how we might be better partners. Most importantly we welcomed three families into their new homes and began working on new homes with three additional families. As we are able to return to working inside people's homes, we were able to help a couple of our older families live safely in their homes through our repairs program.

It was also great fun to see so many of you, in person, at the Swiftel Center for Nail the Runway. You helped raise needed funds.

We build quality. When that horrible windstorm came through Brookings, only two houses built by Habitat volunteers received any kind of roof damage.

If we are going to reduce the housing deficit in a meaningful way, we need help from our friends. It was wonderful to tour Representative Dusty Johnson around Brookings pointing out the great work we, and others, are doing to meet the need for decent and affordable housing.

This work is hard. It is made easier by the help of all 424 volunteers



who came and helped last year. Among them are the resolute and engaged members of our Board of Directors. The time and energy they invest in this

organization make all our work possible. We are uplifted by regular office volunteers and our foundation crew.

What is Habitat?



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

Habitat focuses on creating opportunities for all people to live in decent, durable shelter. We undertake our work to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus, acting in all ways in accord with the belief that God's love and grace abound for all, and that we must be "hands and feet" of that love and grace in our world. We put faith into action by helping to build, renovate, or preserve homes, and by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. We support the global community's commitment to housing as a basic human right and advocate for a just and fair housing policy to eliminate the constraints that contribute to poverty housing. We transform lives with positive and lasting social and economic

Building More than Homes

Habitat homeowners experience major positive changes in their lives. The impacts reach into most every aspect of their lives.

HEALTH: A safe, decent, affordable home promotes mental health and prevents developmental problems and unnecessary hospitalizations. Nationally, 74% of Habitat homeowners found that their families' overall health had improved since moving into their home.

EDUCATION: Children of homeowners graduate at a rate 19% higher than renters, and 57% of U.S. Habitat homeowners actively further their education.

FUTURE: Homeownership is a primary step toward creating generational wealth. Habitat homeowners have financial resources to plan for the future. They also lower their use of government assistance and can create savings with payments that are often lower than their rent.

Their lives will be enriched every day because they own their own home. Thank YOU for making it happen!

You Make a Difference!

Habitat is a volunteer organization. We cannot do what we do without volunteers. To list all the volunteers by name would have more than doubled the length of this document. Listed here are just a few of the key volunteers and how they are creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Meal Providers keep our construction volunteers on track with lunch and treats. We greatly appreciate the time, energy, and talent these folks bring to Brookings Habitat.

Arby's, Carol Birgen, Deniz Blankenfelt and the Gilkerson Wednesday Night Small Group, Brookings Christian Church, Sarah Burkhalter-Sweeny, Jake Campbell and Jen Paruk, Connie Cambern, Dora Castano, Kitty Clark, Sally Damm, Dominos, Mona Dykhouse, Melody Gelderman, Joanie Holm, Julie Hemmer and the First Bank and Trust team, Brenda Hieb, Impact Church - Aurora, Jimmy John's, Barbara Johnson, Marsha Klein, Little Caesar's, Mary McCaa, McDonalds, Jake McGlade, Dianne Nagy, Carmen Niemeyer, Kay Norton, Sally Pies, Gloria Pike, Jodi Roy, Virginia Schlimmer, Taco John's, Linda

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Each donation or shopping visit help build Habitat homes in our area. The ReStore celebrated 15 years of providing a unique selection of donated items thanks to your support! Visit often to see what's on hand, and save big while helping provide our services to the community!



Top ReStore Merchandise Categories

Furniture	34%	Paint	4%
Building Materials	11%	Cabinets	5%
Household	16%	Lighting	5%
Outdoors	5%	Plumbing	3%
Tools & Hardware	8%	Flooring	3%
Appliances	5%	Other	1%

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great prices.

great cause.

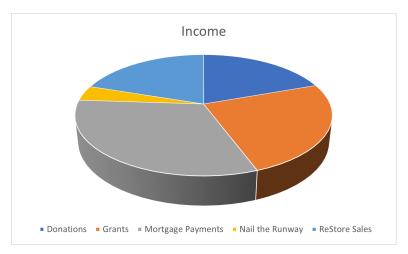






Fiscal Year at a Glance

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)





Income

Donations	\$ 220,543.75
Grants	\$ 279,546.70
Mortgage Payments	\$ 358,335.57
Nail the Runway	\$ 45,578.48
ReStore Sales	\$ 224,618.62

Expenses

Administration	\$	68,404.32
Construction	\$ 1	1,659,047.15
ReStore	\$	214,136.97
ReStore Improvements	\$	76,950.46



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