

THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Newsletter

Summer 2024



NAIL THE RUNWAY 2024 AN EVENING OF FASHION, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP!



The 2024 Nail the Runway Gala was a tremendous evening for all who attended! Held at the beautiful Dacotah Bank Center, we enjoyed a delicious meal, wonderful conversations, and the

event we had all been waiting for: Runway models showing off the impressive skills of talented and creative fashion designers! They did a great job working with the specific design element of "carpet."

Many thanks to everyone who participated: our attendees, designers, and models; auction item donors; judges; and our generous sponsors! (continued on page 3)

PLEASE JOIN US for the Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Family and Friends Annual Picnic

When: Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Where: Next to the Habitat office,
321 9th St Brookings, SD

Join us for a meal, fellowship, and
a celebration of **BUILDING HOMES
AND HOPE!**

RSVP to info@brookingshabitat.org



FROM OUR BOARD'S PRESIDENT

Dear Habitat Family,

Your Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is nearing 30 years of growing the mission of **Building Homes and Hope for families** in our community. This critical mission has not changed and continues to guide and motivate volunteers, businesses, homeowners and our staff to offer an affordable pathway to home ownership. Currently we are building two homes in Madison and two homes in Brookings and have set a path for a home in Pierre. At the end of 2024, Habitat will have completed 87 homes.

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity has established partnerships with volunteers in our community from businesses, service organizations, churches, friendship groups, SDSU and retired individuals. Our organization would not have the funding or the ability to construct Habitat homes without everyone's continued dedication and participation.

I recently heard a volunteer say, "I have more time than money." I then heard a donor say, "I have more money than time." Habitat for Humanity can eagerly address both of these situations! Our survival depends on your time, and

our forward momentum is driven by your treasures. We graciously and gratefully ask for both.

As for Time: Our weekly volunteer construction team, "The Foundation Crew," provides families with a consistent, skilled crew. They are always there for us. We encourage you to join this incredible crew of generous people. They give of their time and their talents. They are some of the most critical people who make it possible for people to become homeowners.

As for Treasure: Our donors are our future for addressing the explosive building costs in our region. The increasing cost of building affordable decent homes is a major challenge.

The Habitat ReStore, located on Highway 14, is a significant revenue source for construction costs to build Habitat homes. The ReStore has boosted our exposure in our community and region. The ReStore also exists to divert tons of useful furnishings and excess home remodeling materials from the landfill. Recent gifts include a truck and boat. This, too, is an eye-opening place to volunteer.



Keith Rounds
President

The dedicated governance from our Board of Directors provides the necessary critical path for our mission of taking our faith from the church to the street. 2024 is a year of refreshing and restarting our existing professional staff and establishing a management team. We are very grateful for the compassionate dedication of our volunteer Board of Directors. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. Join us!

Please contact us with ideas of how you might get involved with Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your continued support.

Keith Rounds, Board President

BUILDING HOMES AND HOPE!



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Welcome to the Schipper family!

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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!

Habitat's Nail the Runway a Success



Best of Show - Rose by any Other Name; designed by Wendy Long; modeled by Brittany McGruder



Most Wearable - Medallion Pencil Skirt; designed by Sarah and Stacy Burkhalter Sweeney, and Sally Pies; modeled by Hope Burkhalter



People's Choice - Retro 1950s Throwback; designed by Kela Hansen; modeled by Bryley Jenkins



Best use of Design Element - Bardolph; designed by Julia Schaar; modeled by Logan Schaar



Most Innovative - A Knight and his Dragon; designed by Wendy Long, modeled by Gabriel and Beau Long

Save the Date for 2025!

The 2025 NAIL THE RUNWAY will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Dacotah Bank Center. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Please go to the Nail the Runway Facebook page for dozens of pictures from the 2024 Nail the Runway!

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You are invited to join us in **BUILDING HOMES AND HOPE!** If you can swing a hammer, supply a lunch for the building crew, provide office assistance, or help in our ReStore, **WE WANT YOU!** The work of our dedicated Foundation

Crew (regularly scheduled skilled volunteers) and Care-a-Vanners (building crews who travel all over the country assisting affiliate home builds) is greatly enhanced by local individuals and groups who schedule time for this important

service. Please consider how **YOU** can help, and contact us at volunteers@brookingshabitat.org. You also may call our office at (605) 697-2540 for more information.



And, of course, financial donations are **GREATLY APPRECIATED!** Please give by scanning the QR code below, or visit www.brookingshabitat.org. You also are encouraged to mail your donations to:
Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 412
Brookings, SD 57006



May God richly bless you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!