

## Nail the Runway 2026

### Where Creativity Built Community

Nail the Runway 2026 was an unforgettable celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and community impact. This year's event brought together 14 incredible, one-of-a-kind designs that transformed everyday building materials into stunning runway fashion. Each piece told a story, showcasing not only artistic vision, but also the heart behind Habitat's mission.

With over 200 tickets sold, the energy in the room was electric. Supporters, sponsors, and community members filled the space, coming together to celebrate the powerful connection between design and affordable housing. Every ticket purchased and every moment shared helped further the mission of Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity—building homes, communities, and hope.

Looking ahead, excitement is already building for next year's event! Nail the Runway 2027 is set for April 17 at the Dacotah Bank Center, and the design element has been announced: **wallpaper!** This versatile and imaginative material opens the door for endless creativity—bold prints, textures, patterns, and unexpected transformations are all waiting to take the stage.



# Calling All Designers!

Now is the perfect time to start dreaming, sketching, and planning your next show-stopping creation. Whether you're a seasoned designer or new to the runway, Nail the Runway is your opportunity to push boundaries, showcase your talent, and be part of something truly meaningful. This is more than a fashion show, it's a chance to make an impact, gain exposure, and collaborate within a vibrant, supportive community.

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2027, and start envisioning your design using next year's featured element: wallpaper. From bold patterns to subtle textures, the possibilities are endless.

Join us in 2027 as we continue to turn building materials into breathtaking designs —and inspiration into action.

**A heartfelt thank-you to Home Team 605 Powered by Krogman & Co., our Diamond Sponsor for Nail the Runway 2026. Your continued support shines bright!**

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**Construction Crew** - Help us build affordable homes or complete essential repairs for existing homeowners. No experience required — just a willingness to learn and make a difference.

**If your interested in volunteering contact us!**

**Call: 605-697-2540**

**Or**

**Visit Our Website: [brookingshabitat.org](http://brookingshabitat.org)**

# HABITAT HAPPENINGS



Aspon Home dedication & closing



Executive Director, Jess Vrchota, graduates from Leadership Brookings 2026



3rd Sunday Breakfast -VFW



BAHFH receives grant from FB&T and FHLB Des Moines

Spring is in full bloom at Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity, and with it comes a season full of meaningful impact and exciting milestones. On January 18, we were proud to partner with the VFW to host the 3rd Sunday Breakfast, bringing the community together in support of our mission.

In March, we celebrated two major highlights. On March 4, Habitat was awarded a \$17,500 grant through our partnership with First Bank and Trust and FHLB Des Moines—an investment that helps us continue building safe, affordable housing in our community. Just a few days later, on March 9, we had the honor of closing on and dedicating the Aspon family's new home. It was a joyful moment as we celebrated alongside them on their journey to homeownership.

Rounding out an already exciting season, our Executive Director, Jess Vrchota, graduated from Leadership Brookings 2026 on April 2. We are proud to have her leadership guiding our mission forward—congratulations, Jess!

And of course, none of this work would be possible without our incredible Foundation Crew. Week after week, these dedicated volunteers generously give their time, talent, and heart to our build sites. Your consistency, kindness, and craftsmanship inspire us all. Thank you for showing what it truly means to build more than houses—you are building hope.

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**Together, we build homes, communities, and hope.**