

# THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Newsletter

Winter 2026



Together, we build homes,  
communities and hope.

## Where Fashion Meets Foundation: Nail the Runway 2026

Tickets on sale now, secure your seat for an unforgettable evening;  
ticket pricing rises after March 7th.



Get ready for an unforgettable evening where creativity meets community impact. Nail the Runway is Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity's signature annual event — a celebration of construction-inspired fashion, local talent, and the shared belief that everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to call home.

**Join us on Saturday, March 21st at the Dacotah Bank Center, with doors opening at 6:00 PM.** Guests will enjoy a delicious meal, exciting silent auction, and the highly anticipated runway show featuring imaginative designs crafted from unexpected building materials. It's a night filled with laughter, inspiration, and meaningful impact.

### **Ticket Information:**

\$65 per person (through March 7th)

\$75 per person (beginning March 8th)

We encourage you to secure your seat early and take advantage of preferred pricing before March 7th.

Whether you attend as a guest, sponsor a table, or simply help spread the word, your involvement supports affordable homeownership opportunities for families right here in Brookings. Every ticket purchased helps build homes, hope, and brighter futures in our community.



# Nail the Runway

**BROOKINGS HOME TEAM**

POWERED BY  
**21 CENTURY 21**  
Krogman & Company



*Saturday, March 21, 2026*

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM  
DACOTAH BANK CENTER

*Gala Includes*

DINNER  
RUNWAY SHOW  
AUCTION

*Tickets*

\$65 ADVANCE TICKETS  
\$75 BEGINNING  
MARCH 7, 2026

CONTACT (605) 697.2540 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [RUNWAY2026.GIVESMART.COM](http://RUNWAY2026.GIVESMART.COM)

*Local designers building fashion  
from construction materials*

ONLINE AUCTION MARCH 15-22

2026 DESIGN  
ELEMENT:  
SHINGLES



A heartfelt thank-you to Home Team 605 Powered by Krogman & Co., our Diamond Sponsor for 2026. Your continued support shines bright! To learn more or become a sponsor, contact us at 605-697-2540 | [info@brookingshabitat.org](mailto:info@brookingshabitat.org)



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If Nail the Runway isn't your style, there are plenty of other ways to lend a hand!

**ReStore Helpers** – Help organize, clean, and move donations in our ReStore warehouse.



**Meal Providers** – Volunteer to bring lunch to our hardworking construction crew.

**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



## WELCOME SAM!

Sam is our new Construction Assistant. Sam joined us this fall and is an excellent addition to the Habitat team. Sam is pursuing his degree in Concrete Management from SDSU.

Our Oahe team completed their first Home Essential Repair project—ensuring these homeowners could safely enter and exit their home.



A big **THANK YOU** to Homestead Building Supplies for their **\$2,000** matching donation on SD Day of Giving! With this donation, we were able to raise over **\$15,000!**

## Together, We Build Hope!

Our volunteers truly are the foundation of everything we do!

This winter, we were honored to welcome teams from Twin City Fan, United Church of Christ, SDSU Civil Engineering and our Board of Directors who rolled up their sleeves to help us build, paint, and repair homes across our community. Our long-time volunteer, Helen, was also recognized as the Volunteer of the Month with Volunteer United!

And of course, a special shoutout to our **Foundation Crew**, who volunteer their time and talent week after week. We couldn't do it without you! Your consistency, kindness, and craftsmanship inspire us all.

Thank you for showing what it means to build more than houses — you're building hope.



Twin City Fan



SDSU Civil Engineering



Board Build Day



Helen

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Please forgive us if your name is misspelled or not included above, you are genuinely appreciated, and we'd love to correct this mistake if you could contact our office at (605) 697-2540.

### **Make a Difference Today**

Every donation — whether time, talent, or treasure — builds a stronger Brookings.

Give online at [brookingshabitat.org](http://brookingshabitat.org), scan the QR code, or mail your gift to:

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity  
P.O. Box 412, Brookings, SD 57006



You can also support the Habitat mission by donation to the Habitat ReStore! Donate gently used furniture, appliances, home décor, tools, and building materials to give your items a second life while helping local families build strength and stability through affordable housing.

Give the ReStore a call to schedule your free donation pick-up today or swing out to the store Tuesday-Saturday to drop off your items.

Your generosity helps us continue building safe, affordable homes and brighter futures for local families.

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