

Blueprints Newsletter

Supporters of the Year



Above: President, Randy Olasky pictured with the Riverfront Broadcasting Team

Below: Randy Olasky pictured with Chris Frick accepting on behalf of ProBuild



Riverfront Broadcasting LLC, KYNT, KK93, KDAM and ProBuild Inc. were honored at Habitat for Humanity-South Dakota's annual Supporter of the Year banquet. The purpose of the annual celebration is to inform, inspire and invest. In the past 12 months, Habitat affiliates in South Dakota completed the construction of 26 new homes. Habitat affiliates reached an additional 55 families through the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative and the A Brush With Kindness Program. By the end of 2012, Habitat for Humanity had built **435 homes** in South Dakota, values at **\$43.5 million**. The volunteer investment in local communities in South Dakota per year is over **\$1,656,000**. And most importantly, Habitat homeowners in South Dakota paid over **\$641,000** in property taxes in 2012.

The Yankton County affiliate was featured at the celebration as Julie Dykstra took the group on a tour of the Habitat 500 Bike Ride. Team Yankton has been involved in the annual ride for 15 years and this past year raised just under \$20,000! Alisa Ruzicka, stole the show as she shared her experience of traveling to Africa on a Habitat Learn and Build experience.

The Yankton affiliate is blessed to have the support of the two businesses recognized for their contributions throughout the past year. The first is **KYNT, KK93** and

KDAM Radio, locally owned by Doyle and Carolyn Becker. Riverfront Broadcasting has embraced the work of Habitat's Christian housing ministry throughout the years. The news team is always the first to get the scoop on our Public Service Announcements. Whether it's a request for homeowners or volunteers, a groundbreaking or house dedication ceremony, special event or reports from the Habitat 500; HFHYC knows that they can count on coverage from KYNT, KK93 and KDAM Radio! In addition, this past July the Riverfront Broadcasting team pulled together for a very successful event called the Habitat Stud-A-Thon which helped raise awareness for the need of affordable housing and \$10,000 to help pay for building materials for house #37 located at 116 Rainbow Street.

The second is **ProBuild Inc**, a local partner for many years. The staff has gone the extra mile to learn the operations of our build. They work with Habitat to save money on the purchase of building materials and offer discounted pricing options. This past summer, they donated materials and space to help Habitat build a shed/playhouse to be raffled. In addition, they volunteered time to deliver and set up the shed/playhouse and the studs to sell at the Stud-A-Thon.

We thank these two businesses and all not recognized for their contributions to our Christian Housing ministry!

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The Yankton affiliate is embracing the opportunity to connect families with volunteers to improve the neighborhoods in which we live with our A Brush with Kindness program. During Make a Difference Week, volunteers came together to re-roof and re-side the home of William and Debbie Lippert. A Brush With Kindness allows Habitat to serve more families in need of a "hand up". ABWK is a program available to those current homeowners that are either living on a limited income or who are unable to make repairs to their home due to their age, disability or circumstance.

God answered our prayers to make this project a reality through the generous financial gifts provided by the Yankton Sertoma Club, St. John's Lutheran Church, Farm Credit Services of America, United Way Venture Grant, Yankton Area Community Development Foundation, Joe & Janet Morrow and Jim & Marilyn Lofflin. In addition to the generous financial support, we received discounted pricing from Mead Lumber and ProBuild. Putting our faith into action is one of Habitat's founding principles and that is what was done with this project. It took the financial commitments to support the cost for materials, but without the dedication of the volunteers this project would still just be a dream, now it is a dream come true.

ABWK is based upon the same principles of our core housing program. The family must show need, the ability to repay a 0% interest loan and must be committed to partnering with Habitat to provide sweat equity hours.



Message from the President – Michael McVay

“The recent Stud-A-Thon was a great example of increasing awareness of our organization. want to acknowledge the wonderful support of KYNT and Scott Kooistra who stayed on the radio for 36 hours to promote this event.”

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County continues to build on its mission *which brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.* We are just completing our 37th home and the partner family, Jack and Taria Bradley have been very involved in all aspects of the building project. We also just completed our first Brush With Kindness project where volunteers from the community and Federal Prison Camp volunteers converged at the home of William and Debbie Lippert to replace their roof and put on new siding. This team effort was amazing and gratifying to behold and I thank all involved.

The Board of Directors has approved the applications of two new partner families: Nancy Hetherington, and Kayla VanArsdale. They will be the proud owners of two homes that were owned

by previous Habitat families. The homes are in the process of being refurbished for the new Habitat families. We welcome Nancy and Kayla to our Habitat community!

Our second annual volunteer banquet was held on Oct. 1st to honor all the volunteers who have helped us so much throughout the years. Music was graciously provided by Bill Chase, Andy and Theresa Hendrickson and Pat King. Scott Kooistra and Carol Becker were recognized as Volunteers of the Year. Alisa Ruzicka gave a very moving presentation about her Habitat experience in Mozambique, Africa.

In November, Habitat recognized ProBuild and Riverfront Broadcasting as our Supporters of the Year at the statewide Fall Event hosted in Sioux Falls.

As we look forward to continuing our mission for Habitat of Yankton County the Board of Directors have outlined the following goals:

1. Continue to build 2 new homes per year over the next 3 years.
2. Continue to expand our Brush With Kindness works by completing the following: two projects in 2013-14; four projects in 2014-1 and; six projects in 2015-16.
3. Establish a Resale store by July 2014.

These are ambitious goals but I am confident with the talent and leadership of our Board, Advisory Council, Julie Dykstra our Executive Director, Tami Ruzicka our Volunteer Coordinator and Chris Frick our Construction Foreman that this will be accomplished.

I wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas which will soon be upon us.

And the Playhouse/Garden Shed Winner is...

Wade VenOsdel was the lucky winner of the Playhouse/Garden Shed raffle on October 1, 2013!

The mission of the raffle is two-fold for the Yankton County affiliate. Its presence throughout the community helps raise awareness for Habitat for Humanity and secondly, it helps raise money to continue growing our Christian housing ministry in Yankton County. Thank you to all who helped support this fundraiser by purchasing raffle tickets!!



THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER IS BACK FOR 2013!

THE TIME IS RIGHT

As the end of 2013 rapidly approaches consider making a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County to assist with start-up costs to operate a ReSale Store in Yankton County. The ReSale Store will not only offer a land fill diversion opportunity to the residents of Yankton County, but the merchandise sold in the ReSale Store will provide a **self-sustaining** revenue stream. It is anticipated that our affiliate will need to raise approximately \$50,000 to help cover the first year's operating expenses associated with opening the doors of the ReSale Store.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 provides that donors age 70 ½ or older are once again eligible to move up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to qualified charities without having to pay income tax and can be used to satisfy any IRA required minimum distribution for the year.

In 2013, the Yankton Habitat served 4 families in need of affordable, decent housing. Your gift will make a difference in the life of a family, in a neighborhood and within our community!

Pictured to the left 2013 families served: Emily & Ava Dryden, Taylor Christensen & Tony Naber pictured with daughter Elly, Debbie and William Lippert. To the right: Taria and Jack Bradley pictured with children Bentley and Christopher



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

“Building Homes, Building Hope” was the theme for the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Night which featured the musical talents of Bill Chase, Andy and Teresa Hedrickson and Pat King, a fabulous meal at JoDean’s Steakhouse, recognition of volunteers and a heartwarming video presentation provided by Habi-tot, Alisa Ruzicka who recently participated in a Habitat Learn and Build in Mozambique, Africa.

This is a special night to recognize the countless hours that past and present volunteers have contributed to Habitat’s Christian housing ministry. Since 1996, the volunteers have helped lay a foundation of hope for 37 families in need of a safe, affordable place to call home. We are honored to announce that Scott Kooistra and Carol Becker have been awarded the 2013 Volunteer of the Year award.

Scott Kooistra, KYNT Radio, is not a stranger to the work of Habitat for Humanity. Outside his normal work hours, Scott covers Habitat’s home dedication ceremonies and other events giving the organization an opportunity to shine in the spotlight. This past July, Scott went above the call of duty by broadcasting live for 36 hours straight on the radio. His volunteer time with the Stud-A-Thon helped raise awareness of how the Habitat for Humanity homeownership model works and how Habitat plays a significant role in providing an affordable housing option within Yankton County. The Stud-A-Thon gave current Habitat homeowners the opportunity to share their story and how homeownership has impacted their lives. In addition, the event raised \$10,000 to assist with the costs associated with building home #37 in partnership with partner family, Jack and Taria Bradley.

Carol Becker, a passionate cook, shares her gift to cook by organizing meals for the Habitat volunteers. Tami Ruzicka says, “Carol has been a part of Habitat for a very long time and has such a huge heart. She is always there to help with lining up a meal for our volunteers. She does so much for so many people that she is known as “Grandma Carol.” I appreciate having someone that is so accountable and always willing to help us out!



Carol Becker and Scott Kooistra

Alisa Ruzicka, Below



What Will You Build?

Become a Habitat Carpenter Club Partner today! Your individual gift will give our program the extra boost to turn a blueprint into a family’s dream of homeownership. Habitat homeowners are chosen through a careful review process. They must have a stable income, good credit history, compelling need for housing and a willingness to partner with Habitat by providing 300 hours of sweat equity.

Our goal is to continue to build at least two homes per year and to expand our services to assist other qualified low-income homeowners in need of repairs to their home. Accomplishing this goal requires significant funding, increased volunteer support and partner involvement.

Together we can make a difference! Your gift will have a significant impact on the lives of families in Yankton County.



A “safe” place to call “HOME”?



A RENEWED SENSE OF COMMUNITY??

Mail your gift to:
Habitat for Humanity
610 W. 23rd Ste. 11
Yankton SD 57078

- _____ Dream Builder: \$500 +
- _____ Hope Builder: \$250-\$499
- _____ Framers: \$50-\$99
- _____ Wall Raiser: \$26-\$49
- _____ Carpenter: \$0-\$25

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About Our Organization...

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County seeks to put God's love into action by addressing urgent housing needs in our communities, nation and world.

Our mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Since our beginning in 1996, the Yankton County affiliate has built and sold affordable homes to 36 families in need of a decent place to call home.

Our goal for the future is to expand the current services that we provide so that we can assist even more people in need of a "hand up" in Yankton County.



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