

Blueprints Newsletter

Bless This Home and All Who Enter Here



Top: Nicole, Teagen & Tryker Myers

Bottom: Sweat Equity at Hoe Down

It is our distinct pleasure to welcome our newest partner family to the Habitat homeownership opportunity, Nicole, Teagen and Tryker Myers! On August 13, 2014, Pastor Bob Cappel from First United Methodist Church blessed and led the guests in celebration as the Myers received the keys to their new home located at 611 Pearl Street. Nicole stated, "This has been an amazing experience for my family. I never dreamed that I could own a home of my own." The family each prepared a note of thanks to share. The boys both expressed how cool it is to have a room of their own.

Nicole and the boys helped diligently alongside the numerous work groups that helped beautify their newly recycled home. The family has been sincerely blessed by the support of their family and Nicole's co-

workers at Kolberg Pioneer Inc. who dedicated a day to side the home and beautify the yard. In addition, the Bike and Build Providence to Seattle Team, who pedal across the United States to raise awareness of the need of affordable housing, spent a day painting the exterior. The 4-H Group, under the leadership of Mary Fiedler, provided a great meal to a workgroup. In addition, the FUMC Thursday Night Ladies, Trinity Lutheran Church and Riverview Reformed Church continue to support Habitat through a monthly donation of meals to the volunteers who worked on the Myers home and all other projects.

The Myer home was paid for in part by the KK93/Habitat CJ7 Jeep Raffle, the Habitat 500 Bike Ride and a grant from the South Dakota Housing Opportunity Fund. Habitat's Christian ministry continues to

thrive in Yankton County through the labor of volunteers, the Federal Prison Camp workers, the support of our community and churches, monetary donations to support Habitat's Carpenter Club, the Habitat 500 Bike Team, United Way and gifts in kind that we receive from our community and through our affiliation with Habitat International. The presence of the Lord continues to help Habitat build homes and harvest dreams come true for families in need of decent, safe affordable homes!



Kolberg Pioneer Inc. Volunteer Team

Special points of interest:

- Home Dedication
- Construction
- Fundraiser Partners
- Statewide Event
- Volunteers
- Seeking ABWK Applications

Construction in Progress at 903 Pearl Street

The choruses of hammers and nails have been playing a beautiful melody while construction is underway on the 38th Habitat home to be built in Yankton County. The partner family, Linsey Colgan and her daughter McKenzie are anxiously waiting the completion of their soon to be new home.

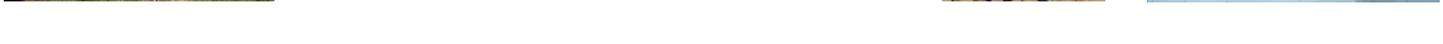
The Yankton County affiliate is very thankful to all the volunteers that make home ownership a reality for families in need of a "hand-up" so that they will have the opportunity to grow into all that God intended. Together with our community, Habitat is changing lives one home at a time. This work could not be done without the help of the Federal Prison Camp inmates who work

with Habitat on a weekly basis, the work provided by the USD Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and their friends from SESDAC, the Bike and Build Team, United Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church, Riverview Reformed Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Wells Fargo Bank, Farm Credit Services of America and GFWC.

Habitat is also blessed to have the support of many individuals and other organizations and businesses that show up randomly on the build site to assist with various tasks. In addition, there are many volunteers behind the scenes making sure that the organization continues to work away at eliminating poverty

housing in Yankton County. "No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." ~Author Unknown

Enjoy the photos of the build's progress and our volunteers in action!



KYNT AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK PARTNER WITH HABITAT



Jeff Jones, FNBSD and Scott Kooistra, KYNT

This past May, Scott Kooistra braved the cold weather to host the 2nd Annual Stud-A-Thon on KYNT Radio live from First National Bank South Dakota. Habitat partner families, volunteers and community leaders joined Habitat to share stories about why decent, affordable housing is essential in Yankton County. In addition, the Stud-A-Thon raised \$10,000 to help Habitat build its 38th home located at 903 Pearl Street. The community collectively purchased 200 studs at a cost of \$50 each. The studs were decorated and built into the walls of the home. Thus, demonstrating how Habitat's Christian housing ministry brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.



Top: Dr. Michael McVay and Scott Kooistra



Partner, Linsey Colgan with daughter McKenzie pictured with Jeff Jones at the Stud Finder Event.

On September 15, guests gathered as Habitat and the Habitat partner family hosted the Stud Finder Event. The studs were on display for the community to view and for the artist to witness their creations before sheet rock is installed. Guests cast their ballot to declare the best decorated studs. Trophies will be awarded to the 3 top artists at the home blessing ceremony to be held upon completion of the home.



Bottom: The Ruzicka family pictured with their stud at the Finder Event.

KK93 PARTNERS WITH HABITAT TO PROMOTE JEEP RAFFLE



Through a very generous gift of a 1980 CJ7Jeep, Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County formed partnerships with KK93, First Dakota National Bank, Riverside Auto Body, Signs by Design, Broadway Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram and Ferdig Transmission to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing and raised \$16,070 to assist Habitat continue its Christian housing ministry of renovating and repairing homes within our community.

On September 11, during the KK93 Prize Round-up, Habitat picked random people to draw down to five finalists for the chance to win the jeep. The lucky finalists include Holly Loyd, Todd Sheldon, Jim Lofflin, John Pesek and Terry Rye. The final drawing will be held at Habitat's Statewide Fall Event on October 4 at Bella's Restaurant, Downtown Yankton. Good luck finalists!

Celebrate with Habitat! All are Welcome!!

Help Habitat of Yankton County extend a friendly Yankton welcome to affiliates from across the state of South Dakota as we host the Annual Event for the FIRST time ever in our beautiful city!

The Yankton affiliate will give away the CJ7Jeep during social hour.

Master of Ceremony – Bernie Hunhoff

Video Presentation – Nicole Myers, Homeowner, Yankton

Keynote Speaker – Tami Ruzicka, Homeowner /Family Mentor, Yankton

Entertainment provided by:

Join us for a festive evening of celebration and recognition of our Supporters of the Year!
Ticket Price: \$50 • Table Sponsorship: \$300
 Sponsorship includes 10 tickets
 Evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle, entertainment & recognition program
 For more information: 605-696-0480 or hfh@habitatouthdakota.org
 Original Artwork by: Eli Brunick, Age 2.5 years —Thank you Eli!

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Presidents Letter- Dan Gergen



Two Common Misconceptions about Habitat for Humanity: "Habitat builds new homes and gives them away to families who qualify."

Most often when people hear that Habitat for Humanity Yankton County had a house dedication they assume that it is a newly built home. In most cases this is true, but the Yankton affiliate has had home dedications that were not for brand new homes. HFHYC has had one older home that was moved to a new location, remodeled, and sold to a qualifying HFH homeowner. We have had several homes that for a variety of reasons have come back to HFHYC. The affiliate reconditioned these homes and sold them to new qualifying HFH homeowners. In any case, a home that is newly built or newly reconditioned is new to the qualifying family. No matter how it happens, HFHYC is fulfilling their mission to provide decent, affordable housing and exercising stewardship over the assets that have been entrusted to the organization.

Habitat for Humanity does not give away homes. New or reconditioned homes are sold to qualifying families who in turn have to be able to make monthly mortgage and escrow payments like all new homeowners. These homeowners also have to be a partner with Habitat for Humanity by contributing a designated number of hours of sweat equity to assist Habitat in building or reconditioning their home.

Habitat benefactors, volunteers and homeowners are ambassadors for Habitat for Humanity affiliates. They give their time, talent, materials, storage space, equipment, consultation, financial support and service on committees. They also act as ambassadors when they share with others their enthusiasm for Habitat's mission. This includes when they speak up to clarify misconceptions about Habitat for Humanity.



Jeff May, Kolberg Pioneer, Inc. at work recycling 611 Pearl Street



Habitat of Yankton County has been blessed to have the support of First United Methodist Church and their hospitality in hosting the Providence to Seattle Bike and Build cyclists. This group of young adults travels across the United States to spread the word about the affordable housing crisis in America. The young adults have stayed in Yankton for the past ten years, but this was the first year that the Yankton affiliate was offered the opportunity to host a Bike and Build workday.

Bike & Build unlocks the potential of young adults to do incredible things. The participants are the face of our organization, and the driving force behind all that their organization strives to accomplish. Through engaging young adults as active agents and ambassadors for affordable housing efforts, Bike & Build enables them to test their limits, become engaged and active citizens, and impact the housing landscape.

Twenty-eight cyclists assisted with our new construction helping to build the floors and raising the first wall at 903 Pearl Street. In addition, they painted our recycled home located at 611 Pearl Street. All this work completed in just a days' time! Susan Schavee, Chairperson from FUMC stated, "I have been blessed to serve these youth for the past several years. I feel I received so much more than I give."

Top: Bike and Build building floors
Bottom: Chance Roth, KK93 interviewing Bike And Build cyclists

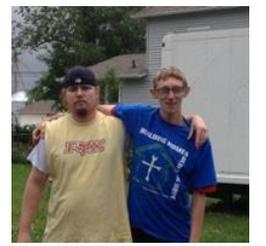


Volunteers are Key!!

Youthworks exist to connect teenagers to God, each other and communities through life-changing Christ-centered mission trips. In July, Habitat received a "hand-up" from two separate Youthworks groups. Each group was responsible for painting a recycled home. The Youthworks teams were definitely an answer to our affiliate's prayers. Our Christian housing ministry offered the youth an opportunity to participate in God's plan to serve others!

The mission of **USD's Habitat for Humanity** chapter is "to capture the imagination, energy, and hope of students in order to productively and responsibly involve them in the work of Habitat for Humanity." Their three main responsibilities include: education, fundraising, and building. On several occasions throughout the past several months, USD has partnered with SESDAC and provided volunteer labor on both new construction and on recycled homes

The **4H Group**, under the leadership of Mary Fiedler, prepared a delicious meal and served it up to Habitat volunteers! No hands are too small to help with the Habitat housing mission!





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Do you own and occupy your home?

Does your home need painting?

Are you living on a limited income, or unable to work on your home due to age, disability, or circumstance? Habitat can help through our home repair program.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT QUALIFY? PLEASE REFER FOR HELP!!

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About Our Christian Housing Ministry

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.

Our Vision: Increase community awareness and support to ensure adequate housing and neighborhood revitalization for the residents of Yankton County.

Since our beginning in 1996, the Yankton County affiliate has built and sold affordable homes to 37 families, recycled 3 homes and completed 1 major repair project in partnership with our partner families, volunteers and our community. Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County has served **41 families in need of a "hand up"** so that they have the opportunity to live in a safe affordable place to call "home."