



Brookings Area  
**Habitat**  
for **Humanity**®



2023 Annual Report

## From the President of the Board of Directors



GRATITUDE: The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation and to return kindness. What a powerful word that is!

As I look back at the past year, gratitude is the first concept that comes to mind. I've assumed this leadership role from Kay Norton, who did a wonderful job and continues to do so as a member of our Board.

I am grateful to have her as a mentor, grammar goddess, and friend. Thank you, Kay, for your passion and dedication!

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is an amazing group. Given my long history as a Mortgage Loan Officer for First Bank & Trust, I see firsthand how desperately affordable housing is needed. The dreaded "I" words - *inflation*, *inventory*, and *interest rates* - have all had a significant impact on the housing market. Our mission is great! I am grateful our passion for affordable housing is as well, but it takes time, money, and hearts full of faith!

2023 has been a year of expansion as well. I'm pleased to welcome Oahe Habitat for Humanity as a division of Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity. We've purchased two lots in Pierre and look forward to helping future homeowners in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area. We've also held a groundbreaking in Madison and will be placing a wonderful family into their new home there in 2024. We continue building homes in Brookings and Aurora and we look forward to completing a couple more homes this fall to fulfill the dream of homeownership for these families. We are grateful for our dedicated and generous volunteers and donors, for without you our work would not be possible.

Please take a moment to sit back and reflect on the past year. Even in challenging times, we can all make a difference. Please give of your time, talents, prayers, and financial support. Let's all do our part to spread a little joy, a little faith, a little hope, and a whole lot of love. Together we can make this world a better, kinder place.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe. May His love guide and remind you that gratitude will help you fall in love with the life you already have.

Jennifer Loomis  
President, Board of Directors

## From the Lead Mission Officer



Fiscal year 2023 brought creative solutions that will increase our impact.

Looking at the housing need across our service area, the numbers can be heartbreaking. In the city of Brookings alone we need an additional 1200-1250 affordable homes immediately.

The board of directors takes its role seriously and makes decisions that will position us to better serve families in need. First, they authorized the selected use of a mortgage product supported by the USDA's Rural Development program. These mortgages differ from our traditional mortgage in several ways. First, they carry an interest rate, that, depending on the family's circumstances, can be as low as 1%. Second, their term is 33 years, eight years longer than our traditional program. Third, they return the cost of the home back to us when the family moves in, allowing us to immediately use those funds to begin construction on the next family's home. Our homeowner services manager is now certified as a packager so we can assist other Habitats in securing this construction financing.

With the Board's support, affiliates will begin to use modular housing more often. These homes, built to meet Habitat for Humanity's strict standards, will save us a little money, and will save months of time. There are still opportunities for the homeowners and volunteers to work side by side in the home's completion.

We entered into a new and significant partnership. Almost two years ago, the long serving volunteers of the Oahe Habitat for Humanity (Pierre/Ft. Pierre) reached out and asked if there was a way we could help. We responded compassionately and cautiously. We conducted months of due diligence. We spent hundreds of hours in communication with the Oahe Board of Directors and Habitat for Humanity International. This year, we completed a financial and legal integration that allows us to provide logistical and back-office support while they return to serving families.

None of the work we do is possible without you. The construction of homes, our essential repairs program, the ReStore...none of it. Without your prayers, labor, and financial contributions we can't do the transformational work that we do. On the following pages are the names of those who have financially supported us in the fiscal year 2023. Thank you!

We are blessed beyond measure.

Dan McColley  
Lead Mission Officer

# What is Habitat?



Everyone  
deserves a decent  
place to live

**Mission Statement:** *Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.*

Habitat's work demonstrates the love and teachings of Jesus, acting in all ways for all people to live in decent and durable shelters. The belief that God's love and grace abound for all, and that we must be "hands and feet" of that love and grace in our world, is central to our actions. We put faith into action by helping to build, renovate, or preserve homes, and by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. We are committed to the idea that housing is a basic human right and therefore advocate for fair housing policies that eliminate poverty housing. We transform lives and communities with positive and lasting social and economic changes neighborhood by neighborhood. And we rely on donations of time and money from people like you to help make it all happen, one family at a time.

## Building More than Homes

Habitat homeowners experience major positive changes in their lives. Not only do homeowners contribute sweat equity on their homes, they go through educational courses teaching them about health, safety and financial prudence.

**Health:** This year our homeowners learned how to plant, weed and pick vegetables at Douglas Chittick Community gardens. Beyond this hands on experience, they were able to receive vegetables, as well as recipes for each through SDSU Extension to learn how to use fresh garden vegetables, - leading to a healthier lifestyle.

**Education:** Our homeowners go through several courses on budgeting, finances, cost of homeownership, how to be neighborly and more before purchasing their home. They learn how to take a closer look at their monthly budgets and be prepared for the unexpected in the future.

**Safety:** Our homeowners receive multiple classes regarding safety (including ladder safety, back safety and power tools safety). This is put in practice during their time building their own home as part of their sweat equity, but for years to come they take on home improvement projects.

**Their lives will be enriched every day because they own their own home. Thank YOU for making it happen!**

# You Make a Difference!

**Habitat is a volunteer organization.** We cannot do what we do without volunteers. To list all the volunteers by name would have more than doubled the length of this document. Listed here are just a few of the key volunteers and how they are creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**Meal Providers** keep our construction volunteers on track with lunch and treats. We greatly appreciate the time, energy, and talent these folks bring to Brookings Habitat.

Advance, Arby's, Carol Birgen, Deniz Blankenfelt, Beth Boone, Brookings Area United Way, Burger King, Sarah Burkhalter-Sweeny, Cathy Ching, Kitty Clark, Sally Damm, Domino's, Brianna Doran, Nikki Eining, First Presbyterian Church, Melody Gelderman, Jaena Gormong, Vicki Graves, Julie Hemmer, Stéphane Hervieu, Jason Hett, Carol Hintz, Dianne Hoff, Joanie Holm, Jimmy John's, Barbara Johnson, Cassandra Juba, Marsha Klein, Little Caesar's, McDonalds, Jake McGlade, Barbara Meyer, Carmen Niemeyer, Carrie Oorlog, Sally Pies, Pizza Ranch, Qdoba, Rotary Club, Jodi Roy, Voleta Schnabel, Taco John's, Anna Tellekson, Linda Thaden, Tropical Smoothie Café, Cathy VanderWal-Rounds, Peggy Warner-Pallos, Betsey Williams, Emma Williams, Zesto

**The 50+ Club** are the volunteers who donated at least 50 hours last fiscal year. These extraordinary individuals have gone above and beyond to fulfill our mission.

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**Thank You!**

## ReStore Donations/Shopping

Each donation or shopping visit helps build Habitat homes in our area. The ReStore celebrated 15 years of providing a unique selection of donated items thanks to your support! Visit often to see what's on hand, and save big while helping provide our services to the community!

### Top ReStore Merchandise Categories

Furniture	39%	Paint	4%
Building Materials	14%	Cabinets	3%
Household	15%	Lighting	3%
Outdoors	5%	Plumbing	2%
Tools & Hardware	6%	Flooring	2%
Appliances	6%	Other	1%

**great stuff.**



**great prices.**



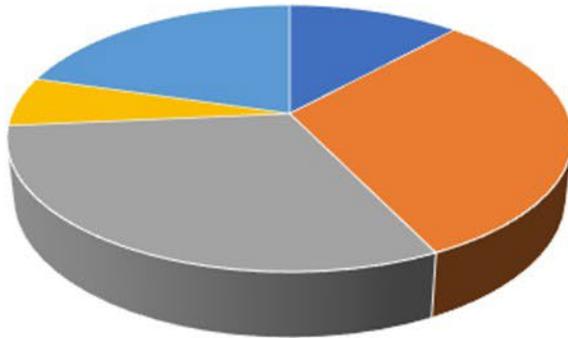
**great cause.**



# Fiscal Year at a Glance

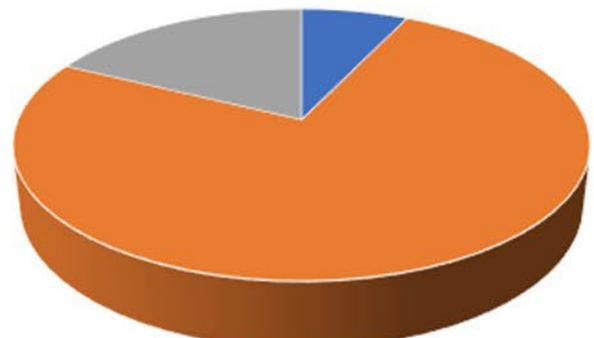
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Income



■ Donations ■ Grants ■ Mortgage Payments ■ Nail the Runway ■ ReStore Sales

Expenses



■ Administration ■ Construction ■ ReStore

Income	
Donations	\$ 127,462.59
Grants	\$ 336,540
Mortgage Payments	\$ 333,490.55
Nail the Runway	\$ 65,239.69
ReStore Sales	\$ 221,720.34

Expenses	
Administration	\$ 81,733.60
Construction	\$ 860,598.49
ReStore	\$ 180,218.20

## Our Board of Directors

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*Please forgive us if your name was omitted or misspelled. Let us know if any errors occurred.*

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## How YOU can help Habitat

### VOLUNTEER

JOIN IN A CONSTRUCTION BUILD  
VOLUNTEER AT THE RESTORE  
HELP ON A HOME RENOVATION PROJECT  
FOLD NEWSLETTERS AT OUR OFFICE  
PROVIDE A MEAL TO CONSTRUCTION CREW  
JOIN OUR FOUNDATION CREW

### DONATE

DONATE VIA WEBSITE  
[BROOKINGSHABITAT.ORG/DONATE](http://BROOKINGSHABITAT.ORG/DONATE)  
SEND A CHECK  
SET UP A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION  
REMEMBER US IN YOUR ESTATE

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SHOP AT THE RESTORE  
ATTEND GALA FUNDRAISER  
BE A GALA DESIGNER  
BE A GALA SPONSOR  
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SCHEDULE A BUSINESS BUILD  
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### LEAD

JOIN A COMMITTEE  
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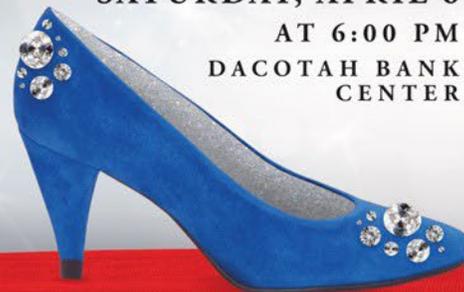
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