

THE FRAMEWORK

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity Newsletter

Summer 2026



Together, we build homes,
communities and hope.

It's Care-A-Vanner Season!

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is grateful for the dedicated volunteers who visit us through Habitat for Humanity's Care-A-Vanner program. These volunteers travel the country in RVs, stopping to help local Habitat affiliates build safe, affordable homes for families in need.

Care-A-Vanners bring valuable construction skills, years of experience, and a passion for serving others. Their hard work helps our projects move forward while also encouraging and mentoring local volunteers.

Beyond the build site, Care-A-Vanners become part of our community during their stay, supporting local businesses and forming lasting friendships. Their generosity of time and talent makes a meaningful difference for our affiliate and the families we serve.



Our Care-A-Vanners Stay for two weeks at a time and are a wonderful addition to our team while they are here. In June we had the joy of working with Glen and Karla who helped us build the walls on the single-family home. In July we were able to host Bob who was an amazing help while we were continuing work on the two homes in production this season.

We are also going to be able to host two more awesome groups of Care-A-Vanners this summer. One in August and one in September. We are so thankful for each and every one of them and all that they do to support our mission. If you happen to see our Care-A-Vanners while they are here make sure to make them feel welcome and appreciated!

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.

For more information or to sign up call our office (605) 697 - 2540 or email reese.louwagie@brookingsshabitat.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lend a Hand, Build a Home

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 you're interested in volunteering contact us!
Call: 605-697-2540

Or

Visit Our Website: brookingsshabitat.org

HABITAT HAPPENINGS

YOU'RE INVITED TO BROOKINGS AREA
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
ANNUAL PICNIC

When: Thursday, August 20th at 5:00pm
Where: BAHFH Office, 321 9th St. Brookings, SD

Please RSVP by calling 605-697-2540 or
email info@brookingshabitat.org



Dear Friend of Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity,

On behalf of Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity, we would like to personally invite you to join us for our Annual Picnic on Thursday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m.

This special evening is an opportunity for us to celebrate the incredible volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters who make our work possible. We look forward to sharing updates on the families and communities we've served this year, enjoying great food and fellowship, and expressing our gratitude for your continued commitment to our mission of building homes, communities, and hope.

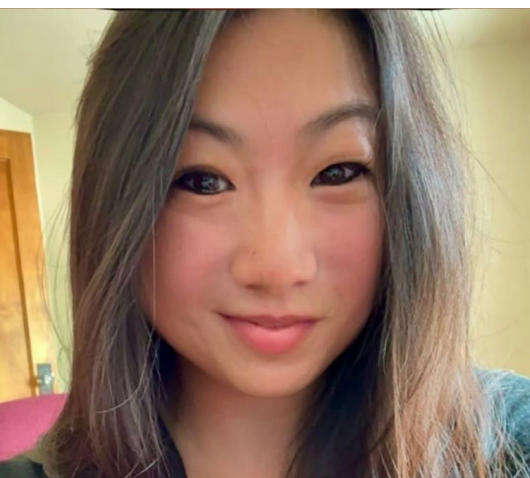
Please RSVP by calling our office at (605) 697-2540 or by emailing info@brookingshabitat.org.

If you are unable to attend, we would still greatly appreciate your support. Contributions of any size help us continue building and repairing homes for families throughout our service area. Your generosity directly impacts our ability to provide affordable housing opportunities and essential home repairs for those who need them most.

Donations may be made online at brookingshabitat.org/donate or by scanning the QR code below.



Thank you for being part of the Habitat family. We hope to see you on August 20th!



New Program Manager
Meghan Malchow



First Bank and Trust
Volunteers



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Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity is excited to welcome Meghan Malchow as our new Program Manager! Meghan joined our team in early July and will work closely with partner families throughout their homeownership journey. Please join us in welcoming Meghan to the Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity team.

We're excited to welcome Henry Peterson to the Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore team! We're thrilled to have Henry Peterson on board and look forward to the positive impact he will make. Be sure to say hello the next time you stop by the ReStore!

We have also has the privilege of getting to work with volunteer groups from First Bank and Trusttwice in June and twice in July! The impact these groups had on our building process was phenomenal and we could not be more grateful!

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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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, 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. (605) 697-5900

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

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