



Habitat HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION VISION

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

MISSION STATEMENT

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YOU ARE PROVIDING THE STABILITY FO A FIRM FOUNDATION



Thank you for supporting North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity!

Together we are working to build strength, stability and self-reliance with our neighbors in need of a simple, decent and affordable home. As the summer building season begins, we are busy building foundations for our Habitat homebuyers. Since our founding in 1995, we have worked, together with you, to help 111 families in 15 communities into homes. A home, as most of you know, is more than just a plot of land with concrete, 2x4's and shingles. It becomes the base for our stability, sustainability and safety.

This summer we will be building homes with five families. The first foundation is being built in Virginia in partnership with Mariah Krulich and Kingston (pictured above). With your help to turn the page on subsidized housing, she will be starting a new chapter in an energy efficient home—a base from which to weather the types of challenges that our world has hurled at us over the last couple of years. The excitement is building...and it is evident in their faces! Though putting in foundations is no easy task, our volunteers are also excited to jump into the building season to do this and all the other tasks involved with building a Habitat home. Our newest board member, Rolf Swanson (also pictured above) was happy to be working with Mariah to build her home. He invites you to come join him, even if it just one day, you will enjoy it!

In this newsletter you will meet our five new partner families for this year. We invite you to join in the excitement of helping them put down firm foundations in Buhl (2), Chisholm, Hibbing and Virginia. The current economic challenges that we are under only serve to strengthen our resolve to help these families succeed. I often think that if life is hard from me right now, I can only **imagine** what it is like for our low income neighbors who are struggling in substandard housing. I would much rather **envision** these families in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We need your help to bring this vision to reality. Your resilience as our volunteers and financial supporters is amazing. Together we will make a difference in the lives of five more families this build season.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

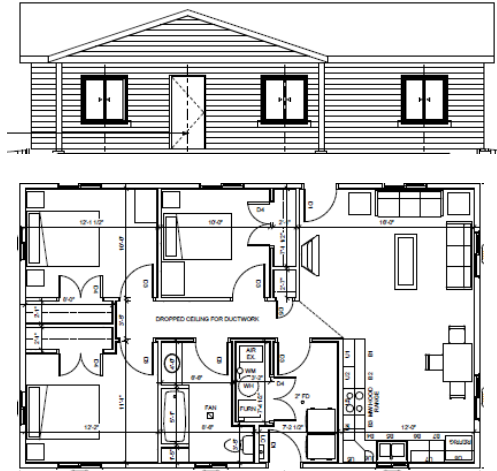


Nathan Thompson,
Executive Director

MEET OUR 2022 HABITAT HOMEOWNERS BULDERS!



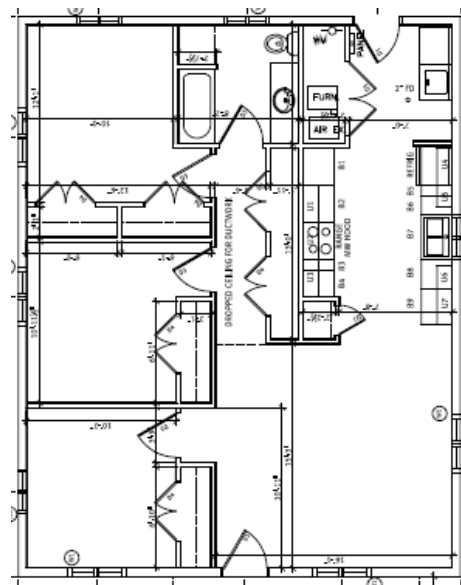
Leslie Nilsson
New Construction
Buhl



"Being a part of this program has been exciting all along but seeing the excavation begin makes it so real! I look forward to helping out whenever I can. I want to be a part of all of it! Words cannot say enough about how much I appreciate the volunteers and donors that make this possible. It is amazing that there are people who think beyond themselves to help Habitat for Humanity. Thank you." ~ Leslie

Together, with your help, we can turn these plans into HOMES!

Thank you!



Lynnette Nowak
New Construction
Hibbing

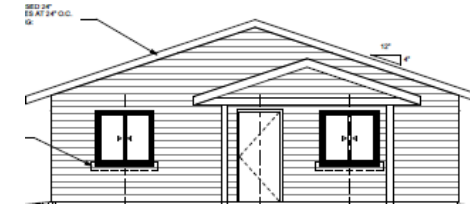
"I am incredibly excited for the building season to begin. I look forward to learning as much as possible during the building of my home. One thing that I have taken from the previous Habitat for Humanity family partners that I have spoken with, who are now living in their new homes, is that they feel they learning so much in the building process. They have a lot of confidence going forward to help maintain the property in the future. I haven't had much experience with construction of any kind but I plan on getting dirty, following directions and learning as much as I can in the process.

I already feel immense gratitude towards the volunteers who will be helping build my home, I certainly know it could not be achieved without them. I look forward to partnering with the schools in Hibbing, it is an incredible learning opportunity for them as well as me." ~Lynnette

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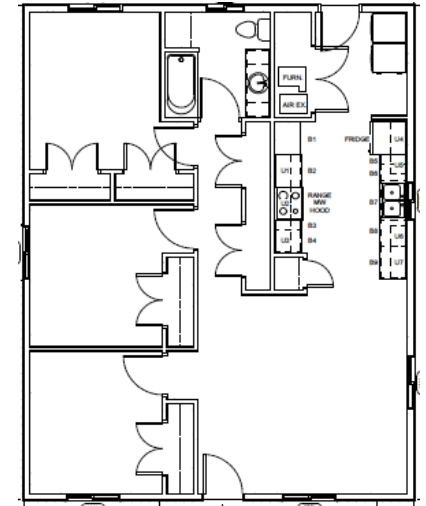


Felicia & Natalie Busby
Recycle
Chisholm

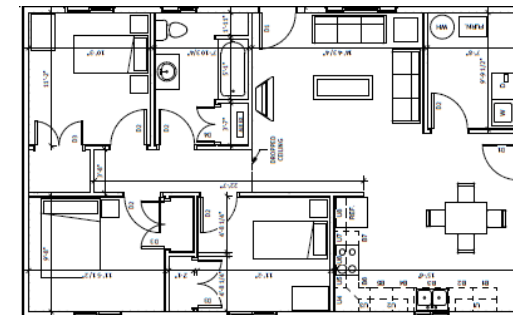
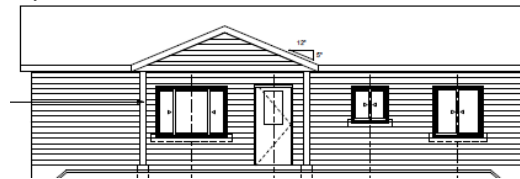


Homeownership was not on Felicia's mind until friends encouraged her to apply for the program. As a child, she moved around a lot and never felt like she had a home. Being able to partner with Habitat and provide a home for her daughter means the world to her. "It feels really good knowing that I am able to give her something that I never experienced." Felicia is currently freshening up a home in Chisholm.

"I am so thankful this program exists and that there are kind people who donate and volunteer so that Habitat can keep helping families. Thank you." ~Felicia



"I was super excited to see the foundation work begin and look forward to working all the volunteers. I am so thankful that there are people in our community that are willing to help. I love seeing the community come together to help in any way they can. As my project begins, I am looking forward to using power tools and learning how to put up siding. Thank you!" ~Mariah



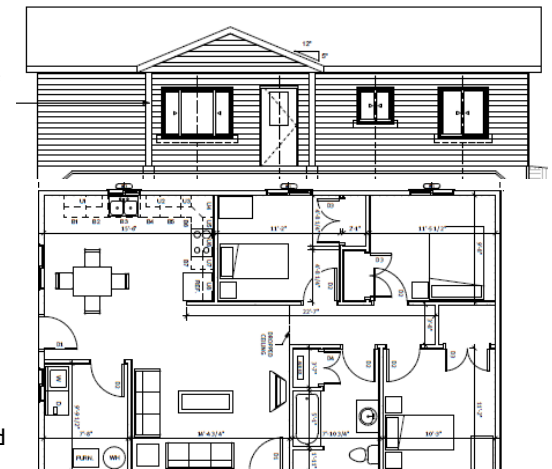
Mariah Krulich & Kingston
New Construction
Virginia



Teelyn & Isaiah Minkel
New Construction
Buhl

"I am excited and anxious. I am also very excited to see all the steps come into place and be included on each step of the process to building my home. I can't wait to learn practical skills so that in the future, I will know how to make repairs. One thing in particular I want learn is drywall, but I know I will be excited to learn anything and everything.

I am extremely grateful and blessed that people have graciously donated their time, skills, and make donations so that I may have a home for my son Isaiah and me. I am also excited to get a few teams of volunteers together from my work and church to have build days." ~Teelyn



WE TAKE OUR BIKE RIDING SERIOUSLY! - HABITAT 500 BIKE RIDE FUNDRAISER



Board president Greg Krog will be riding in his 13th year (pictured with Ariel).

Hello, I'm Greg Krog and I will be participating in the Habitat 500 Bike Ride Fundraiser for the 13th time this year. I have served on the North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity board since 2014 taking one year off in 2020 for term limits. I returned to the board in 2021 and am in my second year of serving as the board president.

I believe in hard work. I am privileged to lead this organization and personally witness the hard work that our board, staff, volunteers and partner families put into the mission of building affordable homes. Our families are not given a home, we work with them to build one which they buy from Habitat through an affordable mortgage.

This year, I and six of my fellow bike riders will be riding in the Habitat 500. Some will participate in the virtual ride (riding from home and logging their miles), others will come together for a three day ride in Fergus Falls. All have committed to riding their bikes to help raise funds for our five home projects this year.

This is our main summer fundraising event. Each of us are contacting our friends and neighbors and asking them to support us in this cause by giving a donation to help build homes. I would like to ask you to consider donating in honor of our efforts to help our neighbors. Simply make your donation to Habitat for Humanity and designate a rider, or all of us on the envelope provided. We will keep you in our thoughts as we ride and you will help energize our legs as we pedal to help our neighbors in need!

It is not too late, you can also sign up to ride in the event, either in person or at home participating virtually. If you would like to sign up to ride and raise funds check out the www.Habitat500.org website or call the Habitat office and speak with Nathan Thompson. He can talk you into it!

Thank you for your support to help us break the "cycle" of poverty that our neighbors get trapped in through substandard housing.



Doug Gettle, a founder of our affiliate and current board member, and his wife, Christy, will be participating for the 16th year.



Rolf Swanson, a current board member, is an avid rider and this will be his 2nd Habitat 500 ride!



This is the 19th year for Nathan & Sara Thompson!



Dave Bergum of Embarrass, who is also a long-time build volunteer, is joining for the 13th year.



Join us, there is still time to ride!



Jackie Battis is riding in her 11th Habitat 500!

CLOSING SOON!

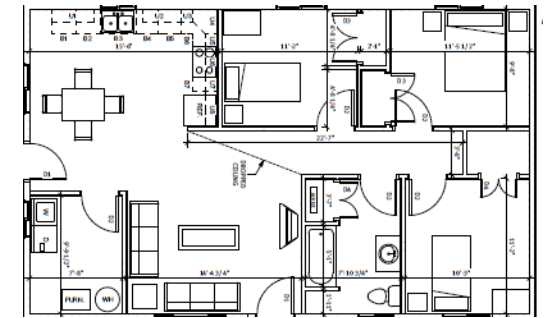
Two families will soon close on their homes and begin the adventure of homeownership. By making their affordable monthly mortgage payment, they will not only provide a home for their families, they will be helping us help more families into simple, decent and affordable homes. The principal portion of their payment pays down their loan and goes into our Fund for Humanity. This fund allows us to partner with even more families in North St. Louis County! In addition, these families will be adding to the tax base in their communities by paying property taxes.

Lacy Podlogar's home was built in partnership with the Hibbing High School and Hibbing Community College. Lacy has been involved in every aspect of building her home and homes of other homebuilders in the program. She simply wanted to learn everything she could about building a home. "I just liked learning in general. The thing I probably liked the most was doing the flooring."

Sheryl Lamppa's home was built in partnership with the Mesabi Range College Carpentry program. Sheryl, along with her daughter Brianna, have been busy working together to finish up interior and exterior painting as well as shopping for light fixtures, a bathroom vanity and kitchen hardware. When asked what they look forward to the most, Brianna said she is looking forward to painting her bedroom. Sheryl looks forward to decorating her home anyway she wants and having a yard so that she can have a garden once again.

One of the first decisions our homebuilders make is which house plan they want to build. They have the opportunity to choose from five 3-bedroom plans. Lacy and Sheryl picked the same house plan and have been excited to see their home go from a plan on paper to a home that they will soon finish and then purchase with an affordable mortgage. In addition to picking their house plan, they also choose the color of their shingles, exterior paint color and exterior doors.

With the support of our volunteers, donors and pray partners, these plans went from drawings to homes. From our families to yours, thank you!



Podlogar Home - Hibbing



Lamppa Home - Virginia

COME JOIN OUR TEAM

We are currently seeking to hire our fourth staff person that will work to engage the community with the primary mission of:

- Ensuring sufficient volunteers are recruited and scheduled to meet the affiliate's construction and affiliate operations needs including committee activities, events, mailings
- Enhancing awareness and understanding of North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity's mission and how it works
- Assisting in fundraising activities including as mailings, events, and grants

You or someone you know may be a perfect fit for this position.

For more information about this opportunity please visit the job posting on our website: www.nslchf.org or call the office at 218-749-8910.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Nathan Thompson, our executive director at nathan@nslchf.org.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS IN HONOR 2022

In Honor of Mom: Terry L. Hilar
 In Honor of Abbie Moberg: Pam Karich
 In Honor of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Katherine Birk
 In Honor of Pastor Brian Birk: Hope Lutheran Church
 In Memory of Bertha Bottjen: Duane Bottjen
 In Memory of Carol Luoma: Caryl and Dan Kaler
 In Memory of Cori Skare Memorial: Greg Caucci
 In Memory of Hal Thompson, Sr.: Carolyn Dinneen

In Memory of David Dunn: Marjorie McPeak
 In Memory of Mr. Bill Hallin: Carolyn Dinneen
 In Memory of Pam Norton Scarborough: Shannon Malovrh
 In Memory of Sally Erickson: George Erickson
 In Memory of Sally Erickson: Jim and Jeanne Prittinen
 In Memory of Sally Erickson: Joyce Nigro
 In Memory of Sally Erickson: Charlene Wilson
 In Memory of Sue Vesel: Carolann Ongaro