



Habitat for Humanity[®]

of Douglas County, Minnesota

Annual Report: FY 18-19

Celebrating the first Habitat
mortgage being paid off!
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Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

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

Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Values

Compassion, Optimism, Relationships, Stewardship, & Family



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A letter from the Executive Director and Board President

Dear Friends,

With great pride that we share with you the news that our organization is #10 in the nation based on 5 year construction trends.

Founded locally in 1997, this dynamic organization has grown into a national leader and is helping hardworking low-income families move out of substandard housing.

With the assistance of hundreds of volunteers and generous donors, we have been able to provide over 84 families the opportunity of homeownership. Habitat Douglas County also supports building in developing countries through tithe gifts. To date, these gifts have helped 82 international families achieve homeownership. In addition to tithing, our affiliate sends volunteer groups to help with construction. In FY 2018-2019, 14 volunteers participated in the Vietnam Big Build.

Our Aging in Place program continues to address a critical need in our community – helping seniors remain in their homes. The program installs railings, grab bars and ramps, widens doorways, and makes energy efficiency improvements.

As the largest private homebuilder in the United States, Habitat for Humanity has developed a proven model that works in various economies and real estate markets. In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, donors and volunteers partnered with Habitat Douglas County to build three homes and complete 11 Aging in Place projects. Locally, over 585 volunteers contributed more than 14,574 hours on the construction site, in the ReStore, on committees and in various other capacities.

The ReStore's celebrated the fifth year in business. We collected over 2,400 donations throughout the year ranging from single items to entire bedroom or dining room sets! The ReStore is very proud to be reselling items and keeping them out of the landfill. Last year we saved approximately 158 tons of material, which totals over 800 TONS since we opened in May of 2014!

The number of people in need of our program continues to rise. Our ability to help more people depends on individuals like you who give time and resources to help us build and repair homes.

On behalf of all Douglas County Habitat homeowners – THANK YOU!



Lori Anderson
Executive Director

Jon Ballou
Board President



Homeownership

Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.



Katie's Family



Katie's Mentors: Tom Trisko & Carol Meissner



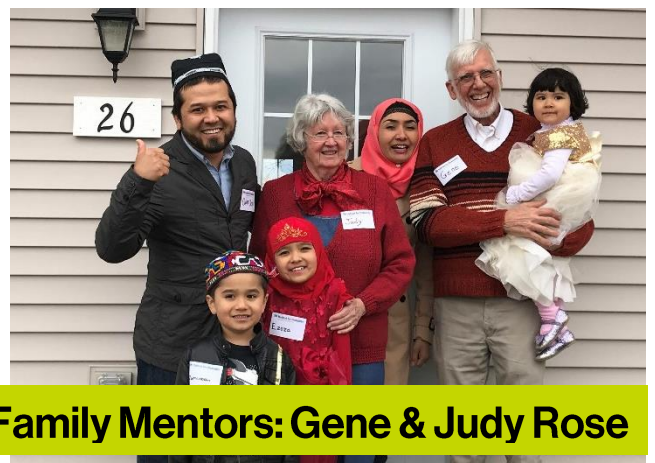
Katelynn's Family



Katelynn's Mentors: Scott & Kim Morrissey



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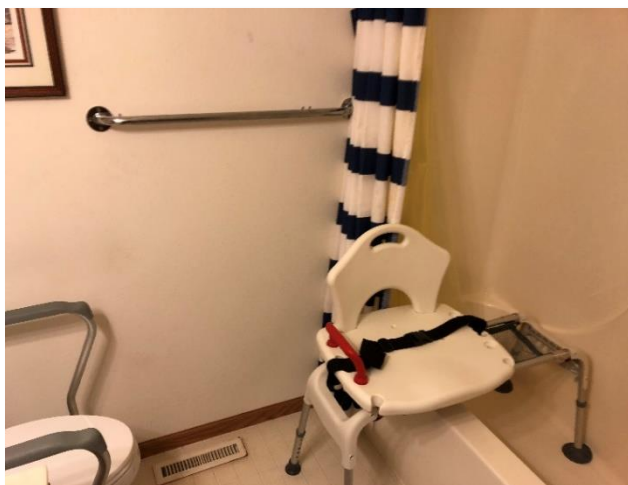


Family Mentors: Gene & Judy Rose

Aging in Place



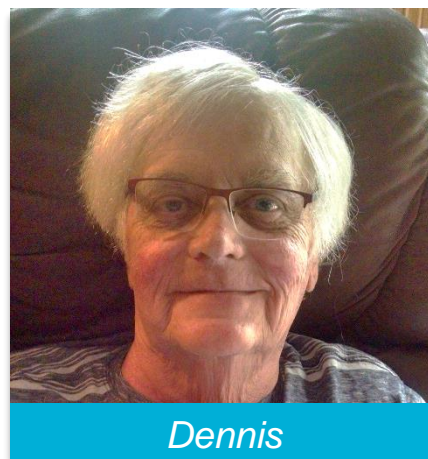
In 2017, Habitat began serving people age 65+ through **Aging in Place**. The program's focus is to improve the **safety**, **accessibility** or **energy efficiency** in homes. We exceeded our goal in FY18-19 by serving 11 homeowners. Project examples include installing grab bars, ramps, stair gates, raised toilet seats, tub cut-outs and much more!



from the homeowners...

"Habitat's Aging in Place work has allowed me to live independently in a safe environment without fear of falling. To be able to live in my home means so much to me and gives me a positive attitude every day." – Dennis, homeowner

"Thank you for your excellent work with the installation of grab bars in my bathroom. I appreciate your interest in fitting the bars according to my needs." – Lillian, homeowner



Dennis

FY 18-19 Snapshots



1 first home mortgage paid off!



3 new homebuyer families



11 Aging in Place projects



#10 in the nation out of 518 small affiliates based on 5 year construction trends



296 new donors



585 volunteers



14,574 volunteer hours



Fundraising Events



Hard Hat Breakfast

The 14th annual Hard Hat Breakfast hosted over **500** guests at the Broadway Ballroom in Alexandria. Speaker and Habitat homeowner, Sue Wadsworth, is the first Douglas County Habitat homeowner to entirely pay off her mortgage. Sue celebrated a HUGE milestone at the event by shredding her mortgage! Homebuyer Chelsey Koopman and Homeowner Selection Committee Chair, Angie Heidelberger, also shared how Habitat has impacted their lives. Over **\$128,000** was raised, **exceeding** the goal! Special thanks to co-chairs Mary Ellen Thompson and Carmon Watkins for their help

"I was over the moon when I was first approved. I knew this was an opportunity of a lifetime. Habitat became my home church. They take you in and love you. Habitat is something real that matters in people's lives." -Sue Wadsworth, homeowner

Home is the Key Luncheon

The 3rd annual Home is the Key Luncheon was held April 10 during Habitat's national "Home is the Key" campaign. The goal is to shine a national spotlight on Habitat for Humanity and make the month of April synonymous with the need for decent, affordable housing.

Our local event, chaired by Brandon Johnson, hosted **100** young professionals. Homeowner Sue Wadsworth and homebuyer Chelsey Koopman both shared their stories of personal struggles and successes. Angie Heidelberger spoke about how her involvement with Habitat has allowed her to tell newly approved homebuyers that "they are amazing and worthy and deserve a home." Over **\$7,850** was raised at the luncheon!



Partnership Program

The Partnership Program was launched in 2016 as a way to provide businesses and organizations the opportunity to sponsor a build day (or days) financially and have a team building experience by volunteering on the build site. Habitat's programs are made possible by generous donors and volunteers, and we thank the following businesses for their participation and partnership!



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Billmark's Lakes Area Insurance



Alexandria Industries



Lakes Area Graphix and Signworx



Lake Community Church

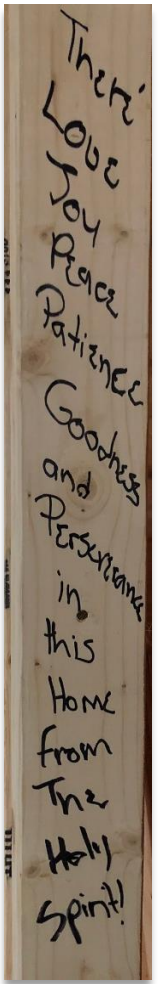


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Thrivent Faith Builds

Local Impact

Alexandria Lakes Area Associates and members from Thrivent Financial could be spotted at nearly every Habitat project during the spring and summer 2019! The long-standing partnership began in 2005, and since that time Thrivent has sponsored **18** Thrivent Builds homes and **6** repair projects in Douglas County. Their financial support totals over **\$1.4 million** locally. We are so grateful for their commitment to affordable housing and for their actions to **#livegenerously**.



International Impact

Habitat Douglas County sent fourteen people to the Vietnam Big Build, sponsored by Thrivent, in **November 2018**. During their service abroad they helped make compressed earth blocks as well as lay them to construct the homes. The new homeowners said "We have a new house, a safe place to live and no longer fear that the house could collapse. We are grateful for the support...so families like us can have access to a decent house." The 2018 Big Build team included: **Lori Anderson, Clarke & Molly Comer, Tom Sinning, Tim Erickson, Kristen Sand, Rose Shorma, Paul & Pete Christensen, Dave Anderson, Lorna Kruthers, Jill Manlove, Tanya Boser** and **Carolyn Paul**. Habitat has supported 82 international families through tithing.

ReStore



Ribbon cutting for the new ReStore entrance and parking lot completion.

By the Numbers

In FY18-19, the ReStore received over **2,400** product donations, saving over **158 tons** from the landfill. The store's operation is also thanks to the over **60** volunteers who put in over **2,657** hours performing tasks such as cashiering, working on the sales floor, taking in and cleaning donations, working on the pickup crew, cleaning the store, and much, much more! A huge thank you to all who help provide a consistent source of funding for Habitat's mission.

May 1, 2019 marked the **5th anniversary** for our ReStore! In addition to the cake we celebrated with, our shopping hours have been expanded!

How the ReStore Builds Homes



Expanded hours!

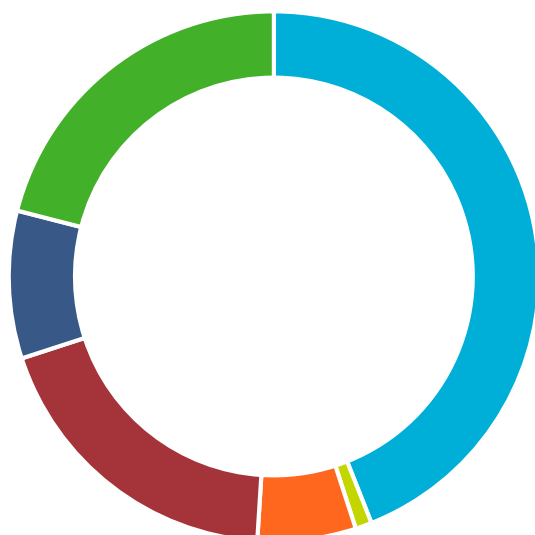
Store hours:
Wednesday –
Saturday,
9 am to 5 pm

Donation hours:
Monday –
Saturday,
10 am to 4 pm

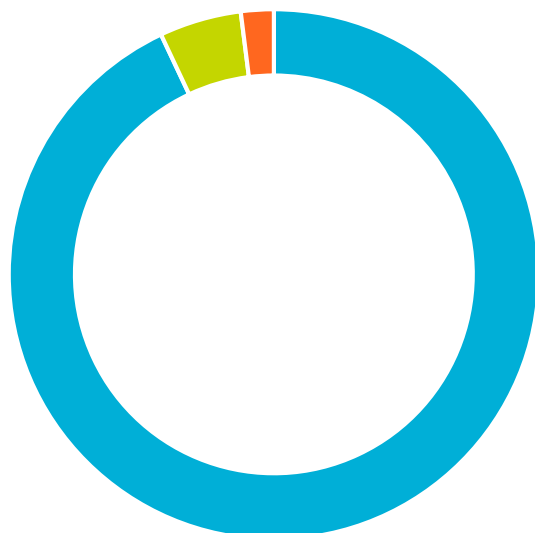
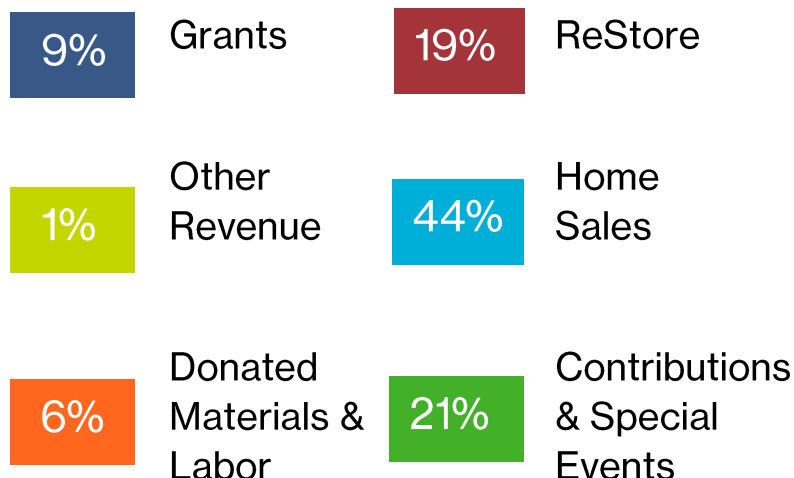


Financial Summary

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), Christian housing ministry that seeks to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Visit our website at www.hfhdouglascounty.org for full financial statements as filed. EIN 411869669



Total Revenue: \$1,388,735



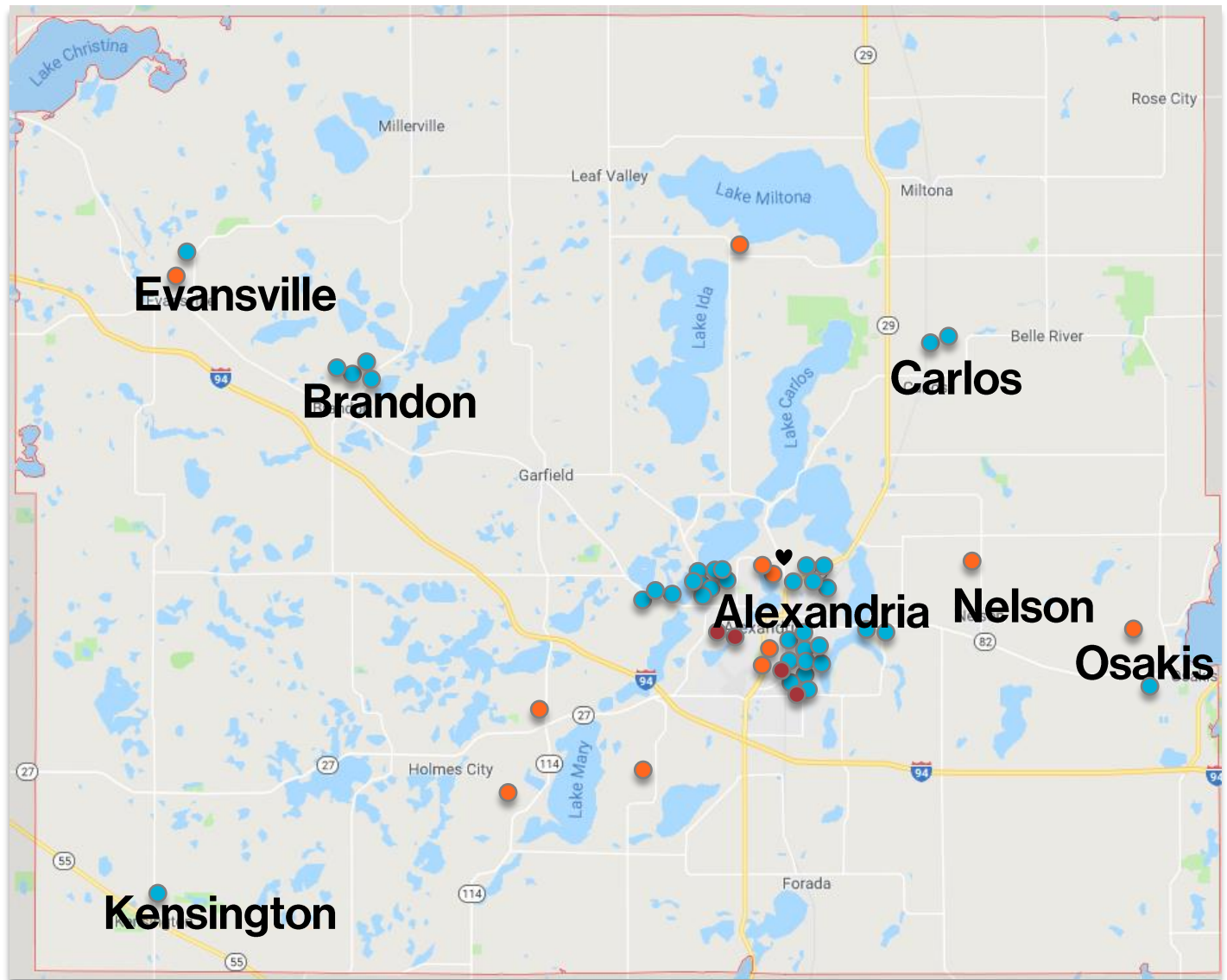
Total Expenses: \$1,369,764



Assets	\$2,499,992.00	Liabilities & Net Assets	\$2,499,992.00
Total Current Assets	\$859,976.00		
Total Mortgages Receivable	\$570,635.00	Total Current Liabilities	\$125,981.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,055,874.00	Total Long Term Debt	\$436,415.00
Other Assets	\$13,507.00	Net Assets	\$1,937,596.00

Habitat's Reach

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County serves all of Douglas County. Since 1997, we have built or improved 84 homes. Our projects have taken us to Evansville, Nelson, Kensington, Carlos, Osakis, Brandon and Alexandria.



● New construction or recycled home

♥ Habitat office

● Aging in Place project

● Repair project (program currently not active)

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