

Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County at a Glance

- Established in 1991
- Created homeownership opportunities for 28 local families.
- Monthly mortgage payments from current Habitat homeowners help to build additional Habitat homes
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore turns unwanted construction goods into safe and affordable housing
- Affiliate partners with Central and East High Schools to build Habitat homes.
- Affiliate is a host agency for AmeriCops VISTA

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore Opens in Cheyenne

Builders! Designers! Suppliers! Everyone!

Your tax-deductible gift to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore can save you the expense of landfill fees while diverting usable materials away from the waste stream.

The ReStore is a home improvement outlet which accepts donations of new and gently used items from individuals and businesses in the community, and sells those items to the public at a reduced cost, usually 50-70 percent off the original retail value. All proceeds go toward building Habitat homes in Cheyenne.

Donate Your Used Building Materials

Whether you're remodeling

your kitchen, updating lighting fixtures or installing new flooring, the Habitat ReStore can use your old building materials or leftovers!

All donations to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore are tax-deductible. You can drop off your donations at the ReStore Thursday through Saturday from Noon to 5p.m. The ReStore also offers a donation pick up service every Monday and Tuesday by calling 307.637.8067. Please contact the ReStore to discuss your donation prior to drop off or pick up.

Accepted Items Include:

Appliances (5 years old or newer), Bathtubs, Cabinets, Countertops, Doors, Electrical, Flooring, Hardware, Lighting Fixtures, Lumber, Plumbing,

Sinks, Tile, Tools, Windows and Furniture.

Shop at the ReStore

The ReStore is packed with discounted doors, windows, flooring, lighting fixtures, plumbing, carpentry, architectural items and more!

Inventory changes daily so shop often to find the perfect products – at greatly reduced prices – for your next project!

The ReStore is located at 1805 Ames Avenue, just east of Martin Luther King Park on the corner of 18th and Ames.

**The Habitat ReStore is open to the public
Wednesday – Saturday
10:00am – 5:00pm**

Cars for Homes

Car donations can help a family in the community build a house and the hope of a better life!

By donating a car to Habitat's Car for Homes vehicle donation program, you can help Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County build houses in partnership with families in need for a hand up, not a hand out.

It is quick and easy to recycle your used cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, construction equipment and other vehicles — running or not! Plus, you may be eligible for a tax deduction of your itemize.

Donate a car, truck, boat or RV to Cars for Homes — Habitat's official car donation program.

Call 877.277.4344 toll-free or visit www.habitat.org/carsforhomes to donate a vehicle today!

As a reminder, your vehicle does not have to be running, but it must be whole and have four inflated tires so it can be moved to our towing operators.

Habitat for Humanity's Newest Homeowners

On a sunny afternoon in late August 2009, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County, along with donors and volunteers, dedicated the affiliate's latest two homes to Marie Williams and Jacob and Christina Voogd-Cole. **Marie's home (#27) was built primarily by women as a part of Habitat for Humanity's "Women Build" program. In just six short months, Women Build volunteers raised \$75,000 to completely fund the first Women Build home in Laramie County. Jacob and Christina's home (#28) was built by students at Central High School during the 2008/2009 school year, and was moved to the affiliate's Messenger Court subdivision for completion. Over 500 volunteers provided 6000 hours of volunteer labor to complete the construction of both homes.**

About the Williams Family

Marie Williams isn't a stranger to hard work. As a single parent of three girls, Marie knows firsthand what it takes to make extraordinary things happen. A native of Wyoming, Marie currently works at a local medical facility as well as provides volunteer service at her church. Marie, 32, applied for a Habitat home in 2008, and has spent the last two years preparing to become financially ready to take on the responsibilities of homeownership. **"As a mother, knowing my girls have a safe place to call home is all I could ask for"**, said Marie. "Part of our normal routine before partnering with Habitat was leaky roofs, broken windows and a constant fear that the girls weren't safe". Now that Marie and the girls have a safe and affordable house to call a home, LeighAnn (12), Kori (9) and Gracie (7) have a new outlook on life. "Mom has always taught us to never give up", said LeighAnn. "Working with all the volunteers has taught us that great things can happen when we help each other out". Marie and the girls have become advocates for the affiliate and are actively involved in the 2009/2010 Women Build Project.

About the Voogd-Cole Family

Jacob and Christina are parents, friends, students and the newest addition to the Habitat family. Jacob, a manager-in-training at Jeld Win Windows, and Christina, a full-time student, partnered with Habitat for Humanity in the summer of 2009 and quickly began work on their new home. After experiencing years of unsafe housing conditions, the couple now have a safe home to raise their young family. "Knowing your children have to worry about a place to call home while going to school is hard for any parent", said Jacob. **"Habitat has changed our lives and provided the kids with something they can finally call their own"**. Aside from working full-time at Jeld Win, Jacob is also a student at the University of Phoenix, where he is working on a degree in Business Management. Christina is currently a stay at home mom while also attending college herself. "I can't begin to think where our family would be if it weren't for Habitat", said Christina. "Instead of worrying about how we would keep the house warm, or what we would do if the plumbing broke again, our new home gives us a chance to focus our attention on things that are important to our family". Jacob and Christina have three children who are eager to plant a garden in their new backyard and help mom and dad make their new house a home.

To help families like the Williams' and the Voogd-Cole's share the dream of homeownership, consider making a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County by visiting www.cheyennehabitat.org.



From left to right: Mary Jane Herdt (Women Build Volunteer) Marie Williams, Gracie, Kori and LeighAnn Williams, First Lady Nancy Freudenthal and Mike Gargano (Habitat Board member)



Pictured: Jacob and Christina with their two younger children and Tom Bass, President, American National Bank

2009 Community Partners

Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County extends a heartfelt thank you to the numerous donors and volunteers who provide the affiliate with the resources to build safe and affordable housing for hardworking families in Cheyenne.

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"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it."- Marianne Williamson, Author

Women Build 2009/2010

Women + determination = a home for a local family in need.

In September 2009, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County launched its second Women Build project in an effort to make safe and affordable housing possible for a family in Cheyenne.

Women Build unites women of all ages and empowers them to take a stance against poverty and substandard housing by raising the funds to build a home from the ground up.

Before Women Build volunteers begin construction of the home in the Spring of 2010, a wide-range of fundraisers will be held to raise the \$75,000 needed to purchase land and build a three bedroom, 1,100 square foot home.

One of the most anticipated fundraisers is

Jump Into Jewels.

The one-of-a-kind jewelry party offers thousands of pieces of new and used jewelry for your purchasing pleasure, with all proceeds benefiting Women Build.

Jewelry donations are now being accepted for Jump Into Jewels. Items being accepted include rings, bracelets, gold, silver, pearls, purses, scarves, earrings, gems, artisan pieces, belts and jewelry boxes.

All donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore (located on the corner of 18th and Ames). For more information, contact Josh Nicholas at 307.214.1457.



To make a monetary donation to Women Build visit:
www.firstgiving.com/womenbuild

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Habitat Partners with AmeriCorpsVISTA & Experience Works

In May 2009, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County became a partner agency for both AmeriCorps VISTA and Experience Works volunteers. AmeriCorpsVISTA is a national program that allows volunteers from throughout the county to make a difference in the lives of others by contributing a year of community service to local nonprofit organizations. **Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County currently hosts VISTA's from Colorado, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Wyoming.** As volunteers for the affiliate, AmeriCorpVISTA's manage the daily operations of the ReStore, aid in resource development and program planning, as well as contribute time and energy on the build site building homes for local families. The affiliate has also partnered with Experience Works to provide seniors with an opportunity to learn new job skills in an effort to gain employment within the community. Experience Works members partner with nonprofit organizations to provide no-cost labor while learning skills such as data entry, customer service and product management. Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County utilizes Experience Works members at the ReStore to assist with a wide-range of tasks.

Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County would like to thank The Corporation for National & Community Service and Experience Works for allowing the affiliate to

2010 Build Season

Got skills? Want to learn new skills? For over 15 years, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County has tapped into a largely unskilled volunteer base to help fulfill its mission of eliminating poverty and substandard housing in Cheyenne. Beginning in May 2010, the affiliate will start construction of two, 1,100 square foot homes. Over 6000 hours of volunteer labor will be needed to complete both homes.

Encourage your church, colleagues, civic groups or family members to join us on the build site this summer. Spending just a few hours of your summer building homes not only changes lives, it changes the community.

For more information, contact Habitat for Humanity at 307.637.8067 or info@cheyennehfh.org

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