

Habifacts

- Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County invested over \$500,000 in the community in 2010.
- The Habitat ReStore diverted more than 125 tons of useable material from the landfill.
- Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County was selected to represent the State of Wyoming in the 2010 National Women Build Week.

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News from Habitat for Humanity

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Habitat ReStore Celebrates One Year Anniversary

November 2010 marked the one year anniversary of the opening of the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Cheyenne.

In just twelve months, the ReStore generated over \$100,000 in revenue which enabled Habitat to continue its mission of building safe and affordable housing for local families in need.

In addition to aiding the affiliate in serving more families, the ReStore also diverts thousands of pounds of useable material from the local landfill. As a result of the ReStore's recycling efforts, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency awarded the ReStore with a Waste Wise certification which is given to businesses who implement recycling practices to reduce their carbon footprint.

As the only thrift outlet in the Cheyenne area that accepts home improvement and construction materials, the success of the ReStore has paved the way for a ReStore expansion in an effort to better serve the community.

Currently, Habitat board members and staff are working diligently to secure the financial resources to build a 5,000 square foot ReStore Annex. Expansion plans began in the summer of 2010 when Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County purchased a foreclosed property across the street from the current ReStore, which is located on the corner of 18th and Ames Avenue.

Funding from a generous private donor allowed the affiliate to clear the property of three condemned homes and provide a clean slate for the construction of the 5,000 square foot ReStore Annex.

Support from the community is currently being sought to complete the ReStore Annex before the summer of 2011. Financial and in-kind donations to support the construction of the 5,000 square foot Annex can be made to: HFHLC, PO Box 2809, Cheyenne, WY, 82003.



Pictured above: Clearing of property in preparation for the ReStore Annex.

Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County Turns 20!

Turning twenty doesn't happen often — that is why Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County asks you to join us as we celebrate this exciting milestone.

Beginning in 2011, Habitat will kick-off a year long celebration to raise awareness about the need for safe and affordable housing in the Cheyenne area.

To accomplish this mission, Habitat will be actively cultivating new and existing relationships with donors and volunteers to support the construction of two Habitat for Humanity homes in summer 2011.

Additionally, Habitat staff will continue to develop new volunteer programs to allow volunteers of all ages to take a

stance against poverty and substandard housing.

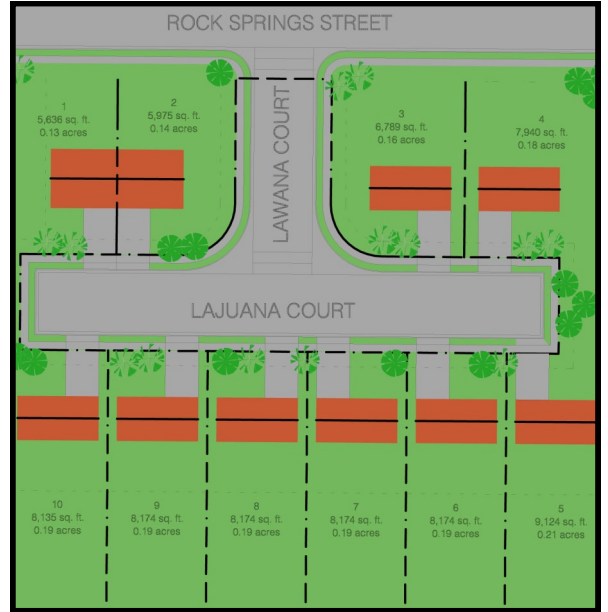
You can be a part of this unique celebration by encouraging your friends and family to join us on the build site this summer and help Habitat build the American Dream of homeownership for local families. For more information, contact Habitat at 307.637.8067

Habitat Breaks Ground on New Subdivision

In early 2010, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County purchased Cottonwood Meadows, the affiliate's newest 2.23 acre subdivision in east Cheyenne, to continue its mission of building safe and affordable housing for hardworking families in the community.

Utilizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding, which was made possible via the Cheyenne Housing and Community Development Office, Habitat for Humanity began a \$300,000 infrastructure project in October 2010. The project, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2010, will provide adequate streets, sidewalks, and utilities to support ten homes in Cottonwood Meadows. Additional support from Frontier Refinery will also be used to complete work associated with the infrastructure project.

Cottonwood Meadows, which was foreclosed when the affiliate purchased it in the spring of 2010, will soon be home to Habitat's two newest homeowners, the Bingham and Frank families.



Conceptual layout of Habitat's newest subdivision.

Habitat's New Partner Families



My name is Dena. I was born and raised in Kimball, Nebraska and graduated from Kimball County High School in 1998. I graduated from Chadron State College in 2002 with a BA in Graphic Design and again in 2005 with my BA in Pre-Law. My daughter Olivia was born in Chadron, Nebraska in August of 2000. We moved to Cheyenne in November of 2005 and I

currently work for Davis Elder Law Office and absolutely love my job. Olivia started school in 2005, and attended Davis Elementary for kindergarten and first grade, Hobbs Elementary for second grade, and Anderson Elementary for third grade. She is currently a fifth grader at Baggs Elementary. Olivia loves school and hopes to be a veterinarian/singer/actress/etc. when she grows up. She loves animals and can keep anyone entertained with her stories for hours. We are both very excited about our new home and want to thank all of the donors and volunteers for all your time, effort, hard work and dedication.

Hello, my name is Lori. I was born in Altus, OK and moved here in 1990. I attended grade school in Cheyenne and Casper and became licensed in phlebotomy at Casper Community College. There I found my love for providing medical care for people. I have since entered the dental field, worked in a general practice, and for the last three years have been working in a pediatric clinic. I have two wonderful children, Hailey and Logan. My daughter Hailey attends Davis Elementary and she is very excited to be going to a new school by her new home! We enjoy doing anything outdoors, especially camping. We are looking forward to being in our new home and having endless opportunities to spend time together doing exciting new things! We are so thankful for all of the blessings we have been given and are so grateful for all the hard work and dedication the community has put into this project. We are eager to pay it forward and can't wait to help the lucky new families next year!



Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who contributed over 6000 hours of labor to the construction of this year's Habitat homes.

2010 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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***How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
— Anne Frank***

Habitat Joins Forces with Volunteers to Weatherize Homes

In honor of the National Day of Service, which is observed nationally on September 11th, approximately 107 volunteers took part in a weatherization project coordinated by Habitat for Humanity, Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power, and AARP of Wyoming.

Volunteers who took part in the event included teams from Allstate, American National Bank, Cheyenne Board of Realtors, FE Warren AFB — 90th Medical Group, GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne and Lowe's.

Over the course of six hours, an entire city block was shut down and volunteers worked alongside trained CLFP technicians to weatherize 12 homes in south Cheyenne.

Homes involved in the National Day of Service project received a wide-range of weatherization upgrades in an effort to provide affordable and energy efficient housing for local families.

A very special thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in this special event!



Pictured above: National Day of Service volunteers.

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Habitat Mission

Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County, Inc. is a Wyoming charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing. We believe homeownership is a vital component in helping families break the cycle of poverty which contributes to pride in families and communities.



Habitat's Community Volunteer Programs

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the need for safe and affordable housing has now surpassed the need for food and adequate health care in the United States. To address this social issue, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County sponsors a wide-range of volunteer programs to empower local citizens from all walks of life to take a stance against poverty and substandard housing.

Women Build

Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children worldwide. In Laramie County, Women Build volunteers have successfully raised funding to build two 1,100 square foot homes in the Cheyenne area. In late 2010, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County launched its third Women Build project which will result in yet another home for a hardworking family in Cheyenne in 2011.

Blueprint for the Future

Blueprint for the Future is a unique volunteer project designed for students at Central High School. Over the course of a school year, students work together to learn a wide-range of construction skills as they build a Habitat for Humanity home. Students complete approximately 80% of home construction before the home is moved from the Central High School campus to the Habitat for Humanity build site. The Blueprint for the Future program has allowed six families to take part in the American Dream of homeownership.

To invest in the unique volunteer projects sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County, consider making a charitable donation to support the work of volunteers who are dedicated to ending poverty and substandard housing in Cheyenne.

2011 Build Season

Got skills? Want to learn new skills? For almost 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Laramie County has tapped into a largely unskilled volunteer base to help fulfill its mission of ending substandard housing in Cheyenne. Beginning in May 2011, HFHLC will begin construction of the affiliate's newest Habitat 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 next summer. Spending just a few hours of your summer building homes not only changes lives, it changes communities.

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

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