



Lake Agassiz
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Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity's 50th Home!



The Fenroy family

Can you believe build season is just around the corner? At Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity we are getting geared up for another incredible season welcoming four families into the Habitat Homeownership

family. This year, our 50th home will be built! This home will be constructed as our 4th Women Build home and will be going to a very special family, the Cashondra Fenroy family.

In 2009, Cashondra and her growing family moved to Fargo. She had four children and was pregnant with twins. After leaving an abusive relationship and spending some time at the YWCA, Cashondra was able to get back on her feet and found her family an apartment. Over time, they found the apartment was not the place for a family with six children to be living. That is what brought Cashondra to Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity. She never thought she would be where she is now, preparing to build and own her very own home.

As the build season approaches, Cashondra and her children are anticipating an exciting summer. When asked what she was looking forward to most, Cashondra replied, "The children will have the freedom to be children." Let's join Habitat this season in bringing freedom to these families!

Thrivent Financial Sponsors 2014 Habitat Build

Thrivent Financial, a long-time supporter of Habitat for Humanity, is sponsoring the third build of the year. Located at 1016 3rd Street South in Moorhead, this home will eventually become home to Robert and Sarah Diaz, along with their four children.

Hard working is a good way to describe the Diaz family. Robert has a job as a diesel mechanic, and Sarah, a criminal justice major, is a stay at home mom. When time permits, she works at a treatment center and also teaches classes for people convicted of DUIs.

The Diaz family has been living in a small three-bedroom apartment for nearly 11 years. The living environment isn't very child-friendly, and the girls don't have much room to play. For sleeping arrangements the older children share a room, and the youngest

child sleeps in Robert and Sarah's room, while they sleep on the floor. "Our family is too big for our apartment," says Robert. "We need more space, and the children need more privacy."

When the new home is constructed, everyone will have their own rooms, and the children will have more areas to play and do homework. However, the added space isn't the only benefit that Robert and Sarah look forward to. "A new home will give us a much greater sense of security," says Sarah. "And it will really build our children's confidence to have something to call their own."

Moving into the new home can't come soon enough for the Diaz family. Both the parents and children are anxiously waiting for the build season to begin. "There's so much to be excited

about," says Sarah. "I'm humbled every time I drive by the site."

After 14 years together as a family, Robert and Sarah's hard work will pay off, and they'll finally achieve their dream of owning their own home. "It's such a blessing to partner with Habitat," says Robert. "This is a wonderful opportunity."

"It's an honor," adds Sarah. "We're so thankful for Habitat and all of the volunteers who will help build our home."



Building Homes Building Hope

HBA / Veteran's Build



Sonia and her daughter

A single mother and daughter will be moving into the Moorhead, MN home built by the Veteran/ Home Builder

Association

and Home Builders Care Build this summer.

Sonia was a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force. She served on the aircraft maintenance squad for seven years and received an honorable discharge. Sonia, who is working for North Dakota State University, and her

9-year-old daughter are currently living in a trailer house located in North Fargo.

She said she is thankful and excited that their family was selected for the veteran's build, as owning a home will provide more security and stability for her daughter.

"I am very excited. I feel I will now be able to get into a safe house for my daughter and I," Sonia said. "This is a permanent move, and my daughter will have a lot more opportunities now."

Sonia, who volunteered for Habitat organizations when living in North Carolina and California said she will also be gaining a lot through the opportunity LAHFH provided her.

"I don't think I will be able to thank all the people who have helped us enough," she said.

For more information on how you can be involved in this or other Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity builds, please contact the Habitat office at: (218) 284.5253 Ext.2, email Habitat@lakeagassizhabitat.org or visit the Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity website: www.lakeagassizhabitat.org.

- Click on Volunteer Up!
- Select a date from Volunteer Opportunities
- Register

The Traylor Family

Sharon Traylor and her children were selected and approved as a Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity Partner Family for a "recycled" home in Moorhead. Sharon works at Walmart and is a hard working single mother who dreams of owning her own home; a place where her kids would be safe and be able to get an excellent education.

Sharon has moved quite a bit, and at one time even lived out of her car,

but every move has meant a small improvement to the living conditions that she could afford. Sharon feels that it has been very important to teach her children to never give up on their dreams. Sharon, her three sons and one daughter are excited to partner with LAHFH to obtain this next step of owning a home.

The security of home ownership is important to them. They are also eager

to maintain their home knowing that it is their home, and to build relationships with their new neighbors.



The Traylor family

New Employee Spotlight



Meet our Resource Development and Marketing Manager, Pete Christopher!

After serving on Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity's Board of Directors from 2005-2010, Pete is excited to be part of the staff and is looking forward to getting out in the community and representing LAHFH. He states, "It feels great to be able to give back to the community and to do something for the greater good." It is a great time to have Pete onboard as we go into our 2014 build season and will be celebrating the

50th Habitat house in our communities.

Growing up in Dawson, MN, Pete moved to Moorhead to attend Concordia College and has been in the area ever since. He enjoys traveling, being at the lake, fishing, home improvement projects, music and spending time with his wife and kids.

Pete lives in West Fargo with his wife, Jill, and their two children.

Giving Hearts Day 2014

We were excited to take part in Giving Hearts Day. This fundraising event gave individuals an opportunity to prove their record-breaking generosity by contributing to their favorite charitable organizations in North Dakota and western Minnesota.

Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity raised a total of \$13,455 on Thursday, February 13th, Giving Hearts Day. Thanks to our match sponsor, Western State Bank, the first \$5,000 raised was matched and donated to Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity!

We sincerely thank all who donated on Giving Hearts Day making it possible

for families in our community to experience the difference that a simple, affordable – and permanent home can have in their lives and in the lives of the generations to come.

“We believe in dedicating our time and resources to strengthen our communities. Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity is an excellent organization that we are proud to support as it encompasses our goals to help create home ownership opportunities and help grow the community,” said Brad Jacobson, President, Western State Bank.

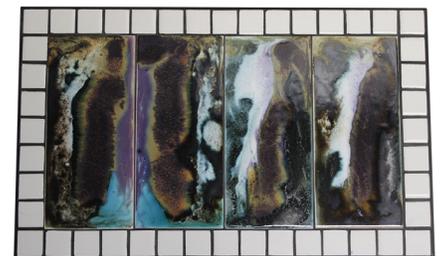
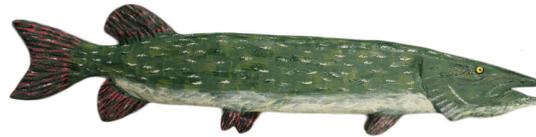


LAHFH Executive Director Rob Rich accepting the check from Western State Bank's Brad Jacobson

Home Is Where The Art Is 2014

On Saturday, February 22nd Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity held its fourth annual “Home is Where the Art Is” Recycled Art Show and Silent Auction at the Spirit Room Gallery in downtown Fargo. Approximately 200 attendees snacked on appetizers provided from a variety of restaurants and sampled wine provided by Bernie's Wines & Liquors while bidding on various art pieces.

The 30 works of art were made by local artists with materials from the Habitat ReStore. In total, the event raised more than \$3,500 to support Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity's mission of building simple decent and affordable homes and hope in Cass and Clay counties.



The LAHFH Art Show Committee

Tour de Habitat 2014

Thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers, the 11th Tour de Habitat event was a success, bringing in over \$12,000! On March 8, 2014 at Courts Plus Fitness center, 14 teams joined us in our stationary bike race, raising funds and awareness about the lack of affordable housing in Cass and Clay counties. All funds raised support Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity and the three upcoming builds, including our 50th home built by Habitat in our community.

Thank you to the Tour de Habitat Sponsors!

Event Sponsor: Essentia Health
Supporting Sponsors: KLJ and Thrivent
Sponsors: Home Builders Associations of Fargo-Moorhead, Heritage Homes, Valley Lights, North Dakota Interior Designers, Courts Plus Fitness, First Choice Apparel, and Digital Rhythm

Tour de Habitat Awards

Most Money Raised-Team:
 The PRrrrs, \$2,275
Most Money Raised-Individual:
 Katie Kløver with the PRrrrs, \$1,050
Most Miles-Team:
 Accent Raiders, 41.6 miles
Most Miles-Female:
 Taylor Baldwin with the Accent Raiders, 7.0 miles
Most Miles-Male:
 Tyler Spaeth with the Spin Doctors, 7.7 miles
Team Spirit:
 Premier Peddlers



Team Name	Total Mileage	Total Amount Raised
The PRrrrs	25.6	\$2,275
The A-Team	36.4	\$1,715
Pink Pant-ers	32.1	\$1,510
Muffin-Top Marauders	37.7	\$845
Team Western	34.8	\$1,150
Spin Doctors	41.1	\$570
Countertop Cuties	35.4	\$1,075
Premier Peddlers	34.3	\$845
We NOT Fit	40.1	\$840
Accent Raiders	41.6	\$252
FM Rotary Riders	37.8	\$400
I'm on a Bike	35.8	\$180
5 Girls and a Guy	33.3	\$420
NDSU Habitat	26.8	--
Totals	492.8	\$12,077

PR Committee Spotlight

Angie Ryan
NetWork Center, Inc.
Marketing Director



Angie has been with Habitat since 2006 and is the Chairperson of the Public Relations committee. When asked why she is

involved, she responded, “I believe in Habitat’s mission and have seen first-hand how Habitat is changing lives in our community. I love to see how families have been positively affected by the work of Habitat volunteers from the work done on a build site to the behind-the-scenes work of Habitat’s many committees. It is incredible to see the elation and sense of pride and accomplishment in the homeowner’s eyes when they receive the keys to their new home.

Kaitlin Kløver
KLJ
Aviation Project Asst.



Katie has been involved with Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity since January 2013. Habitat for Humanity helps families start again, giving them

the opportunity to build a home in every sense of the word. Kaitlin enjoys serving alongside of the other community members who believe in Habitat’s mission to put God’s love into action...bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Bryce Goodell
The Promersberger Company
Public Relations Specialist



Joining the Lake Agassiz Habitat Public Relations committee in 2006, Bryce believes in the mission of Habitat and enjoys helping out

local families. He feels that Habitat is important because safe, decent and affordable housing is a great foundation for families. In addition, he believes it gives them a sense of security and pride that lasts for generations.

Heidi Knutson
Western State Bank
Vice President/Sales & Marketing Director



Heidi has been on the committee for a year and a half and is involved so she can help spread the word to the community about Lake

Agassiz Habitat for Humanity. “Lake Agassiz Habitat is a great organization to be a part of because you can help in so many ways. You can serve on a committee, you can donate money, you can help with a home build, and much more. It takes so many people to volunteer their time, money and efforts to help a family have a chance to have a home to call their own. I feel fortunate that my small efforts along with thousands of others that volunteer/donate can help make this a reality.”

Katie Sullivan
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Marketing Communications Specialist



Katie just joined the Public Relations committee a few months ago but is looking forward to becoming more

involved. “Last year, I participated in a Women’s Build through a previous employer. After that experience, I was hooked and wanted to become more involved. I was inspired by Lake Agassiz’s commitment to helping community members realize their dreams of homeownership. That’s why I decided to join the PR committee. Habitat makes a noticeable difference in our community by bringing decent and affordable housing to those in need.

Emalee Hedberg
NetWork Center, Inc.
Marketing Intern



This is Emalee’s first year of the Public Relations committee, starting in August 2013. She is involved with Habitat

because she wants to use her design skills to help benefit an organization that has such a great and positive impact on the community. “Habitat is an organization that directly impacts the community. They build hope for families, provide stable housing, and continuously fight against poverty. It is so great to be a part of an organization that brings people together to serve others and put God’s love into action.”

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Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings from Lake Agassiz Habitat!

Another exciting build season is upon us with construction planned for three new homes and one reclaimed house. With our partner families and lots selected, we are ready to hit the ground running. We are thrilled to be able to say that this year will contain the 50th Habitat home built in our communities!

Eagerly waiting to start construction, we are receiving phone calls from community individuals, businesses, and churches asking about opportunities to help out. Lake Agassiz Habitat is so fortunate to have the support of the community working with us to work toward fulfilling our mission of building homes, our

communities and hope.

The build schedule is ready, so go to our website at www.lakeagassizhabitat.com and click on Volunteer Up! If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for a Habitat home in 2015, visit our website in June for updated information on the orientation class schedule and for applications.

Be a part of the change and volunteer this summer at a build site or at ReStore. By donating your time, treasure or talents, you are helping families achieve the dream of homeownership. Invest in the future generations and give them a safe, stable household. You are the key to our success, help give families in need a key to their new home and future.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and supporters; we could not do it without you.

Rob Rich
Executive Director

