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the Heart of Wyoming

Winter 2018

Laying A Foundation

Meet Avery

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Habitat Happenings

Habitat for Humanity's Bi Annual Newsletter

Winter 2018

Key Dates



Saturday, May 5
2nd Annual Women Build Event
at Harris Crossing
Register Your Team Today!



July 2 - August 3
Homeownership Program
Application Cycle Open



Friday, October 5
4th Annual Building Haven Gala
at the Wolcott Galleria
Table Sponsorships Available

Phase One Complete

Made possible by the Casper community and the generous family of Habitat donors, **Phase One** of the Harris Crossing Subdivision is complete. Paid for in full, the infrastructure including roads, curbs, sidewalks, and utilities are in place, marking all 13 lots ready for the construction of Habitat homes.

The property off Beverly and Amherst stood as an unkempt, undeveloped field passed over by numerous developers when it was acquired by Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming in 2017. With a vision to serve more families in need

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Homeownership Info. Sessions

Program Manager, Kelly Cooper, will host a program orientation the **first Friday of every month** for individuals interested in applying for the Homeownership Program. The information sessions will include what to expect in the application packet, financial guidelines, additional documents required, and eligibility conditions. Sessions are open to the public and will begin promptly at **noon at the Habitat Office**. For more information, contact: kelly@heartofwyoming.org



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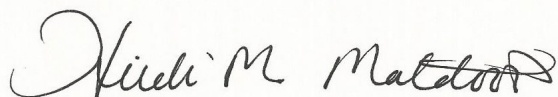
From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The families we partner with inspire me. They have achieved not only homeownership, but stability, safety and security as well. The self-sustainability they have attained makes their future, and the future of their children, bright indeed!

It is a privilege to have your continued partnership in serving families with the warmth and stability of a permanent home. It is my hope that as you read through these pages that you will be inspired by the generosity of our entire community coming together to partner with families in their journey to homeownership. Thank you for your commitment to strengthening families in need.

In partnership,



Heidi M. Maldoon
Executive Director

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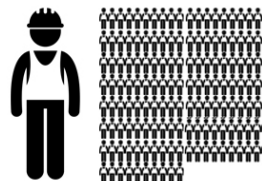
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Heidi Maldoon, Executive Director
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Anita McCoy, Finance Manager
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2017 Year End Summary



10
GROUP BUILDS



150
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS



TWO
HOUSES BUILT



TWO
FAMILIES MOVED
INTO THEIR
FOREVER HOMES



13
LOT SUBDIVISION
BEGINS DEVELOPMENT



FIRST
FAMILY AT HARRIS
CROSSING SELECTED



TWO
FINANCIAL
EDUCATION
COURSES OFFERED
FREE TO THE PUBLIC



\$260,000
MATCHING
CAMPAIGN
OPPORTUNITY

Phase One Complete at Harris Crossing

of affordable housing per year, the Harris Crossing Subdivision was conceptualized.

Previously, one to two in-fill homes were being built per year. With the implementation of the Harris Crossing Subdivision, the completion of three homes per year will become the new standard for the organization, with room for growth of up to four homes being constructed every year. This scale of building produces a sustainable model for the local area, aiming to create a reliable and recurring solution to the lack of affordable housing in the area.



Construction Partners

Weekly meetings were conducted on site during Phase One between the City of Casper, all construction partners and Habitat Representatives to ensure the success of the project. We cannot thank our partners in construction enough for their *hard work* and effort in preparing Harris Crossing to a standard that volunteers can begin building homes.

WLC Engineering

The engineering team, led by Brad Holwegner, handled all infrastructural planning including the soil testing, drainage plans, and the construction bid process.

Andreen Hunt Construction, Inc.

Serving as the contractor for the project, Andreen Hunt completed the construction of the infrastructure in a timely manner and ahead of schedule.



Phase Two: Underway



The foundation of the first home at Harris Crossing, 1758 Shumway Avenue, was poured in January of 2018. The estimated build time for a Habitat home is less than a year.

Construction on additional homes will begin following the selection of new homeowners from the February Application Cycle.

Meet the Weinhandl Family



First Family Selected

at Harris Crossing

Sarah has been selected as our 35th partner for the Homeownership Program. Sarah and her family will be the first to move in to Harris Crossing, a 13-lot subdivision in the heart of Casper.

Sarah's greatest wish is for her two children, Layton and Avery, to have a home of their own. Now, through her partnership with Habitat for Humanity that dream will be a reality. She wants a place for them to play and room to grow up.

Layton, 6, is thrilled at the idea of a new home as he loves the outdoors. Sarah wants both Layton and Avery, six months old, to have a place where they can play without disrupting nearby apartment neighbors.

Sarah is currently employed at Porter's Mountain View Supply and was recently promoted to Assistant Manager. Her co-workers and employer see not only how hard she works, but also how much she is driven by the desire to be a good mother.

"In the seven years I've known her, Sarah has demonstrated her ability to be a strong-willed person and overcome many obstacles and challenges," her supervisor said. "[She] has grown into a very mature

single mother, with the guidance and mentorship from the positive role models in her life, she is an outstanding mother."

Sarah is already looking forward to the day when she can volunteer and help her new neighbors complete their homes. We, at Habitat for Humanity, are thrilled to be working with such a committed partner, not only now, but in the future!

"I dedicate every day to making it the best I can for my kids, as long as they have food in their bellies, a roof over their head and smiles on their faces, I am a happy mom." - Sarah

Upon learning that she had been chosen for the Homeownership Program, Sarah said it was an emotional moment.

"My heart was filled with an emotion, I can't put into words." - Sarah



The House Family **1653 S. Washington**

Safe and Secure



Rachel House (second from left) at the closing of her home with Heidi Maldoon, Habitat's Executive Director (left), Liz Wolz with Summit Title Services (second from right), and Habitat's Board President, Jim Edgeworth (right).

Congratulations to Rachel House, a loving mother of three year old twins, for becoming Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming's 33rd homeowner.

Rachel began her journey to homeownership as a resident of Seton House, organizing her finances, learning of local assistance programs, and seeking out an opportunity to provide a safe place for her children to grow up.

Rachel's application to Habitat was accompanied

by letters of support and recommendation which confirmed many of the reasons that Rachel was selected to partner in the Homeownership Program. The author of one letter of recommendation expressed it in this way, "She has managed to raise these children with knowledge of respect for others and kindness to others, she has taught them manners and the difference between right and wrong. I watch this little family grow and thrive weekly. She is resourceful and goes after what she needs with great determination. She will become your greatest success story."

On August 11th, Rachel closed on her home at Summit Title Services and spared no time getting into her home, moving in that afternoon! Habitat Board Member, Jens Hansen, rallied a move-in team of Hilltop National Bank employees to assist with the move and the family has since settled in to their safe and permanent home.

Habitat acts as both the builder of the house and the lender to each new homeowner for every home.

A much obliged **thank you** to Jim Edgeworth who is not only our 2018 Board President, but has been a great representative on behalf of Habitat in real estate matters.



The Hurst Family 1242 S. Conwell

Home for the Holidays



Sabrina Hurst (left) reviews closing documents with American Title Agency's Jennifer Freel.



Sabrina is all smiles as she holds the key to her new home.

A place to call home and a decorated tree, Christmas looked much different for the Hurst Family this year.

Sabrina Hurst and her two children, Rebecca and Steven, were welcomed into their new home in time for Christmas 2017. Working diligently alongside Habitat staff and volunteers, the hardworking mom ensured her family would make new memories in a home of their own this holiday season.

A heavy machinery operator, Sabrina learned of the Homeownership Program while demolishing a condemned home the organization had received. In a twist of fate, Sabrina was selected for the program and chosen to build her home on the very site she

had partnered with Habitat to demolish.

The completion of the Hurst Home was made even more special due to the generosity of **Macy's**. A 7.5 foot pre-lit tree was donated to the family as they had never had a Christmas tree before. Friends, family, and community members celebrated the housewarming by filling the tree with personalized ornaments and gifts for the family.

The dedicated mom will no longer have to sleep on the couch of her trailer in order for her growing children to have their own rooms. The Hurst Family can thrive in a larger home with spaces to call their own.

Riverside High School Pays It Forward



Students at Riverside High School of Basin, Wyoming spent a November afternoon with Habitat as a part of their **community outreach project** while attending the Wyoming Association of Student Councils statewide conference.

The students and their adviser completed a variety of administrative tasks, while learning more about the Homeownership Program we offer in Casper. They were enthusiastic, asked great questions and worked diligently to compile more than 200 application packets. Their laughter filled our office and we are extremely grateful for their service to an organization outside their own community.

Patrons Enjoy World Habitat Day

In commemoration of World Habitat Day, Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming and The Office Bar and Grill partnered to help bring attention to the need for adequate housing around the world and in Casper. During the first week of October, house pin ups were available with a \$1.00 donation as a gesture of community support in **alleviating** inadequate housing.

Individuals who participated ate, drank, and were merry while also helping to remove barriers to safe and affordable housing in our community.



Better, affordable living conditions lead to improved health, stronger childhood development, and the ability – and financial flexibility – to make forward-looking choices.

Thank You!

We cannot thank these businesses enough for their support and partnership:

- **American Title Agency**
Donated all closing costs and services for the Hurst Family
- **BrokerOne Real Estate**
Allowed the House Family to use their moving truck to promptly get the family into their new home
- **Casper Star Tribune**
Connecting us with our local audience by granting Habitat promotional space both printed and through digital marketing
- **CEPI**
Donated in-full, the civil engineering services at the House & Hurst Family homes
- **Douglas Broadcasting**
Providing PSA's free of charge to the Casper radio community
- **Goedickies Custom Framing and Art Supply**
Sponsoring our Art Walk Event with custom frames
- **MC Roofing**
Donated the roofs for the House and Hurst Family homes!
- **Pronghorn Painting**
Donated all labor costs on the interior painting of the Hurst Home
- **R&R Rest Stops**
Provided an outhouse at the House construction site free of charge
- **RW Specialties**
Donated new building materials for Harris Crossing Subdivision
- **Shawn's Johns**
Provided an outhouse at the Hurst construction site free of charge
- **Summit Title Services**
Donated all closing costs and services for the House Family

Ground Breaking and Dedication Ceremony Sponsors:

- **Breck Media Group**
- **The Flower Bin**
- **Frosted Tops**
- **Nate's Flowers**
- **Uncorked Fine Wine and Spirits**

Volunteer Team Build Days

Thank You!



Day of Caring Recipients

Reliant Federal Credit Union
July 2017



We were honored to be this year's recipient for Reliant Federal Credit Union's Day of Caring. For the last fifteen years, Reliant FCU has closed their doors for one day a year to work on a service project in the community. Extraordinary progress was visible on the South Conwell home, as over **forty Reliant team members** from Casper, Glenrock, and Douglas worked to put up siding, install dry wall, line the crawlspace with weatherproofing, and build the back deck. Thank you Reliant FCU and everyone who participated in the extremely successful day of building- we applaud you! We appreciate your hard work in the community and at our job site, and welcome you back any day!!



An additional thank you to Doyle with **Alside Supply Center** for spending the day on site assisting with the install of the exterior siding! As well as Chris Hermel with **Thrivent Financial** for sponsoring the build day lunch!



First Interstate Bank
July 2017



Chesapeake Energy
September 2017

How to Volunteer:

Our construction site is open every **Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday** from 8 a.m. - Noon.

We welcome community members of any skill level who are willing to share their time in support of construction of homes for low-income families in Natrona County.

Opportunities to volunteer with the organization are abundant! We work diligently to match each volunteer with a service opportunity that fits their skills, schedule and interests. For more information, contact: kelly@heartofwyoming.org

Change Makers



A Lasting Legacy



Don Harris and family cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Harris Crossing.

In Memory of Don Harris

Don and Hallie Harris founded Habitat for Humanity of Casper in 1994. Since being founded, the organization has constructed 34 homes in Natrona County and is currently building a 13-home subdivision, Harris Crossing, named in Don and Hallie's honor. Don and Hallie were recognized this fall with the first "Legacy Award" for their contributions to the organization.

Don Harris passed away on November 10, 2017 but his legacy and charitable spirit lives on.

Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming was grateful to be the recipient of a donation from the NCHS Class of 1949. The Class wished to honor Don Harris, a fellow graduate, in memory of his contributions to Habitat and the Casper community.

Habitat projects are made possible through the generous support of community members, businesses, and local organizations.

Community Support

Black Hills Energy



\$3000

Cloud Peak Energy



\$2500

Hilltop National Bank



\$5000

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation



\$5000

US Bank



\$1500

Wheeler Family Foundation



\$6000

Wyoming Community Foundation



\$5000

Property **Donated In Full**



Michael and Diana Foster, one time Casper residents, traveled from Gillette to donate a property to Habitat for Humanity. Wishing to see the property used to its full potential, the Fosters decided to donate the single family home and land to Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming. We are humbled and grateful for the gift the Foster's have shared. Their kindness and generosity will support families in our community in need of safe and affordable housing.

An additional thank you to **Rocky Mountain Title** for donating their closing fees for processing this transaction.

Matching **Campaign A Success**

Nearly \$100,000 Raised

Harris Crossing inspired a matching gift opportunity funded by a generous supporter of Habitat for Humanity in the amount \$260,000!

All donations received by December 31, 2017 were matched dollar for dollar.

The Matching Campaign was a success in inspiring **all friends** of Habitat for Humanity, new and recurring, to offer their year-end financial support while having their gift matched. Thank you to everyone who joined **#teamhabitat!**

The cost of each Habitat home is approximately \$140,000

WCDA Sponsors **Golf Hole**



We were honored to be the charity of choice two years running for the **WCDA hole at the Casper Board of REALTORS golf tournament** in August! At hole 11, golfers could pay \$20.00 to skip teeing off and move directly to the green and putt for a birdie. Needless to say, Casper realtors are very generous and donated **nearly \$700!** Great golf game everyone!

Wyoming Community Development Authority strives to make it easier for people across Wyoming to finance their first home. Providing low-interest single family mortgages, and education to help customers buy and retain their homes, WCDA offers special programs to aid in the sustainability of homeownership.

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