



Annual Report



Habitat
for Humanity®
The Heart of Wyoming, Inc

Building Together

Vision for The Heart of Wyoming from the new Executive Director



Tess Mittelstadt joined Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming as Executive Director in June 2019.

Supporters and Community Members,

The work of Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming goes beyond that of building homes and providing shelter; our work is building stronger individuals, families and communities. For Habitat homeowners, their home is just the start.

For some, it is a step toward financial stability and healthier living. For others, it is an opportunity to pursue advancements in their career or a means to ensure their children are able to flourish. This change is only possible because of supporters like you.

Regardless of how you have chosen to be involved, I would invite you to visit the Harris Crossing subdivision. It is here you can see the difference Habitat's mission has made for those in our community and the difference you have made by choosing to be involved.

I look forward to serving the mission of Habitat for Humanity alongside each of you and I look forward to what we will be able to accomplish together.

In partnership,

Tess Mittelstadt
Executive Director

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Dave Davis, *Construction Site Supervisor*
Shawn Martz, *Construction Manager*
Tess Mittelstadt, *Executive Director*



Volunteers of all skill levels raised the walls of a Habitat home during Women Build 2019.

Upcoming Events

Winter Application Cycle

Dec. 30, 2019 - Jan. 31, 2020

The Heart of Wyoming will be accepting applications for its Homeownership Program beginning December 30, 2019, through January 31, 2020.

To learn more and to request an application, contact Habitat for Humanity at 307-234-1348 or visit our website at heartofwyoming.org.

Open House at Harris Crossing

January 8, 2020

Tour a Habitat home at the Harris Crossing subdivision in Casper on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 4 to 6 p.m. in an event open to the public.

Financial Foundations

Beginning Feb. 11, 2020

Led by certified housing counselors, the 4-week course provides participants with the financial skills necessary to confidently plan for homeownership.

Preregistration required. Register today by contacting Habitat for Humanity at 307-234-1348.



Follow Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming on Facebook to see a full list of upcoming events.

Everyone Builds

How everyone in a Habitat family helps to build their home

All prospective homebuyers contribute 150 hours of sweat equity into their homes. As part of the partnership process, other members of the family are encouraged to be involved. As younger children cannot volunteer on an active construction site, Habitat for Humanity still offers them ways to be involved. This, most recently, has taken the form of coloring cards.

“Halfway through I kind of got tired,” said Mary Krueger’s eldest daughter Monica, 12. Both Monica and her sister Elise, 8, each colored 100 cards for Habitat to use.

“When I was doing the cards, all I was thinking about was moving into the house,” Elise said. “The cards were for the house.”

It’s true though. For every 50 cards, the family received 4 hours of sweat equity.

Tifanee Jackson’s son, Jakobi, is the most recent Harris Crossing child to help by coloring the cards. Jakobi, 8, gave up recess to spend time finishing his first batch of Habitat cards.

“I love coloring sometimes,” he said. “I really wanted to help my mom.”

Indeed, that was the driving force for all three who colored cards to help Habitat.

“I think my mom has been through a lot,” Monica said. “She always sounds strong and does what she can to help me and Elise.”

“This house was made for us. I think that’s so special,” Monica said.

Jakobi was pleased to have his name next to his mother’s name on her sweat equity sheet. He, too, said he’s proud of his mother.

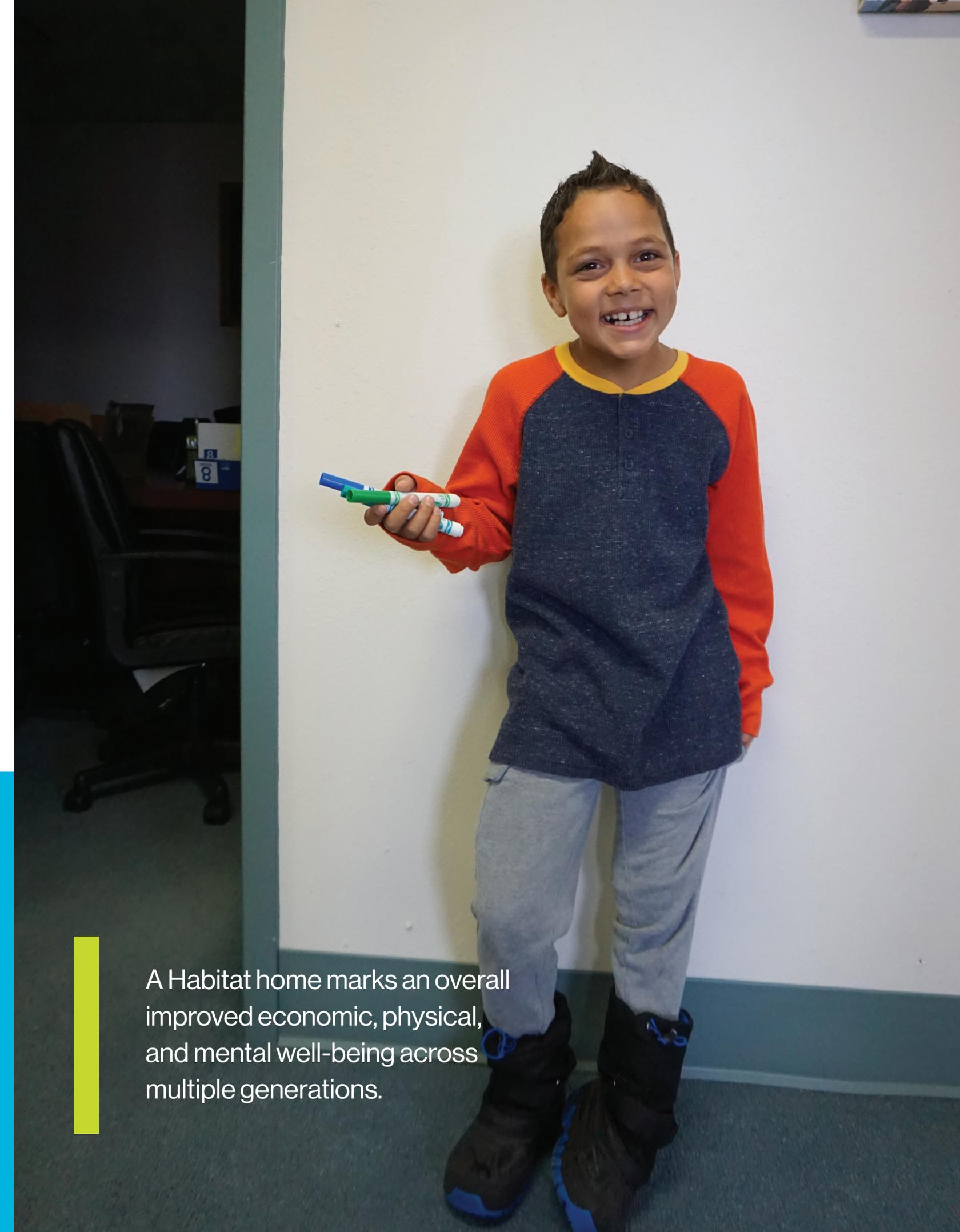
“She’s trying to get a home for me and my sister,” he said. And once it’s done, all the time spent with those crayons and markers will be worth it.

Tifanee said she was surprised at her son’s sacrifice of recess on their family’s behalf.

“He truly understood what it meant to me to get them done,” she said.



Sisters Monica and Elise proudly show the cards they created. Cards like theirs were shared with Heart of Wyoming donors and volunteers.

A young boy with short dark hair is smiling broadly at the camera. He is wearing a long-sleeved shirt with a grey body and orange sleeves, and light grey pants. He is holding three markers (blue, green, and white) in his right hand. He is standing in a room with a white wall and a blue baseboard. To the left, a black office chair and some boxes are visible in the background. A yellow vertical bar is on the left side of the image.

A Habitat home marks an overall improved economic, physical, and mental well-being across multiple generations.

Construction Updates

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HOME ONE - COMPLETE



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HOME FIVE - IN PROGRESS



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HOME TWO - COMPLETE



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HOME SIX - IN PROGRESS



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HOME THREE - COMPLETE



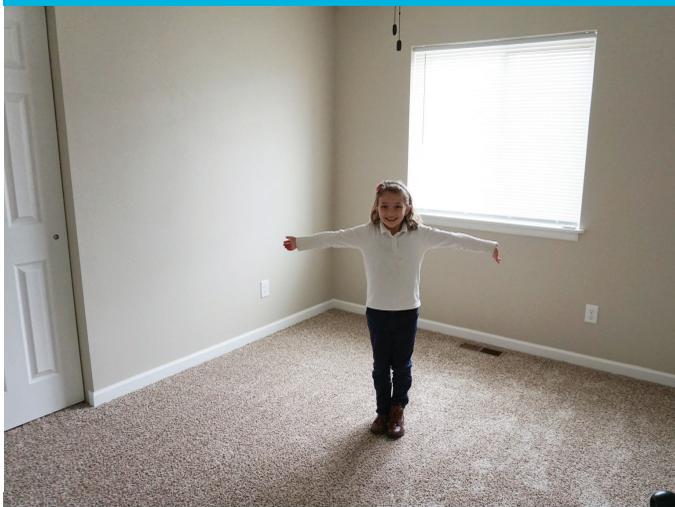
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HOME FOUR - COMPLETE





In addition to paying an affordable mortgage, Habitat homeowners commit 150 volunteer hours to building their own home.



Inside a Habitat Home

Habitat for Humanity, The Heart of Wyoming continues to build Harris Crossing, the organization's first subdivision. Each home in the 13-lot subdivision is built by dedicated volunteers and future homeowners. To date, four homes are completed, with two additional homes under construction.

From the Community

Community investment makes Habitat's mission possible

Volunteers Bring Lunch



Volunteer Diane Kasler and others from Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church deliver lunch to Habitat's construction volunteers.

Their kindness is one of the many ways in which volunteers support Habitat's mission beyond the construction site.

Support from All Ages



Beth Peterson Detrick, Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, delivered house-shaped piggy banks full of change collected from the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes.

The students raised \$187.23 to support families working to achieve the dream of homeownership.

Platte Valley Bank



In celebration of Platte Valley Bank's 10 Days of Giving, Habitat for Humanity received a \$2,000 donation and was voted the community's charity of choice.

Halliburton Hammers



Moira Russell was the recipient of this year's Tacky Hammer Award, raising \$500 in coordination with Women Build 2019. Her hammer and 49 others were generously donated by Halliburton.

VFW Breakfast



In August, Habitat volunteers served breakfast with VFW Post 9439. From the event, \$500 was raised to support affordable housing in Natrona County.



Volunteers from First Interstate Bank helped to build the Heart of Wyoming's 40th home alongside future homeowners Tifanee Jackson and Megan Wilde.

At Harris Crossing

Volunteers are at the center of fulfilling our mission. Whether volunteering as part of a corporate group build or individually, the work of each volunteer impacts the lives of future homeowners.

"I volunteer because of the impact on my community. It establishes strong relationships with individuals within the organization and it makes me feel good when coming together with others who share the same beliefs." Berdeena Meeks, First Interstate Bank.



4,472

volunteer hours

In the last year, volunteers contributed 4,472 hours to The Heart of Wyoming. Thank you to the community partners who participated in group builds and community build days throughout the year, including:

Wyoming Housing Network

First American Title

Quality Inn

Sinclair Casper Refinery

Casper College Theater

Wells Fargo Bank

Hilltop Bank

Black Hills Energy

First Interstate Bank

25th Anniversary Build

Women Build 2019



Contact the Heart of Wyoming today to learn more about how you can volunteer at Harris Crossing.



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“Being a homeowner to me is providing for my family. **It is providing a safe place for my kids.**”

Megan Miller, The Heart of Wyoming's 38th Homeowner