

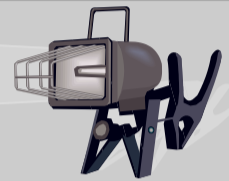


## The Executive Director's Notes

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to building a home this year! With your help, we can build it! Also, our affiliate is looking forward to acquiring another office space in downtown Madison. It will be in the Lakeview Realty building starting March 1st. Be sure to watch the papers for the announcement. We are looking for a building lot in Madison. If you know of a lot that would meet our specifications (for about 1000 sq ft home with room for a future garage), please give me a call.

I will be looking for building volunteers late in the spring or early summer. If you would like to get your name on our list, or know someone that would like to volunteer, get in touch with me. I need volunteers that don't want to build just as much as those that do want to build. I need office assistance, committee members for short time involvement, fund raisers and Directors for our Board of Directors. We need these in both Lake and Moody County. If you have any questions as to what any of the responsibilities are or the time commitment, please give me a call. Call 427-9906 or email at [habitat57042@gmail.com](mailto:habitat57042@gmail.com)

## Winter 2009 Volunteer Spotlight on **Raelene Bucholz**



### How long have you volunteered for Habitat for Humanity?

I have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity for 4 years. During that time I worked on 2 houses. If I know of a project in progress, I try to be there when I can to lend a helping hand.

### Why do you volunteer for Habitat?

I volunteer for Habitat for Humanity because I enjoy helping people and working on construction projects. Volunteering is a very enjoyable experience despite the aches and pains that sometimes accompany a hard day's work. I have formed friendships through my work with Habitat for Humanity. I have also come to learn that one does not have to have any prior knowledge of building a house in order to volunteer.

### What advice would you have for others considering volunteering for East Central SD Habitat for Humanity?

I would encourage anyone to volunteer their time at a Habitat for Humanity project. The experience is very rewarding. The smiles I see on the family's faces, the gratefulness they feel towards the volunteers who come out and help them, and the knowledge I gain about building a house are all a part of the reward.

## Useful Tools: ReStores

Habitat for Humanity ReStores offer consumers building supplies, cabinetry, furniture, and other household items at reduced prices. Items are donated by contractors, building supply stores, and people like you. ReStores promote clean building by keeping usable building materials out of the landfill and by connecting people to these affordable materials.

While neither Lake nor Moody County has a local ReStore, residents do have access to ReStores located in both Brookings and Sioux Falls. If you have a business with construction or decorating goods (i.e. paint, wallpaper, blinds, curtain rods, electrical including light fixtures, sinks, countertops, cabinets, etc.), have excess or discontinued products, or are currently remodeling and would like to donate useful items, please notify us at East Central South Dakota Habitat for Humanity at 605-427-9906 or email us at [habitat57042@gmail.com](mailto:habitat57042@gmail.com) and we can get them to a ReStore. Donations can be tax deductible. Our local affiliate directly benefits from material donated to the Brookings Area Restore. The contact information for ReStores in our area is listed below.

Brookings Area ReStore  
917 W. Highway 14 Bypass  
605-697-5900  
Store Hours: Wed-Fri 10am-6pm  
Sat 10am-2pm

Greater Sioux Falls ReStore  
712 East Amidon Street  
(Just off of North Cliff Ave)  
605-330-1950  
Store Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-3pm

## Habitat 500: Bike Riding Leads to Dream Building

Pastor Daryl Schubert of St. John Lutheran Church in Madison will bicycle 500 miles to raise money for the East Central SD affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in the Habitat 500, an annual fundraising bicycle ride. The 2009 ride starts and ends in Faribault, MN. All of the money raised will go to our local affiliate for the building of homes.

Other cyclists can join Daryl and around 100 others on this ride. If you would like to sponsor Daryl or would like to join this ride please call (605) 427-2468 or email him at [schubert@iw.net](mailto:schubert@iw.net). For more information about Habitat 500, please visit the website at [www.habitat500.org](http://www.habitat500.org).

