



Mom Christy Rian, right, gets the keys to her new home, built in 2018. From left: Marv Bartz, lead carpenter; David Scott, president of the board and Gary Clark, construction manager.

Celebrating home 16

Three years of fundraising and hard work led to the completion of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Aitkin in 2018. On November 30, 2018, Christy Rian and her four school-age daughters moved in. The two oldest girls can now walk to Aitkin High School and the two youngest to Rippleside Elementary. In fact, a safe crossing guided by a policeman on Hwy. 169 is just down the block from their home.

Spring will bring additional landscaping and the installation of a rain garden and rain barrel system for the home. Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity built or renovated the following homes: **1993-2007**: Morrisey home, 5th St. NW, Aitkin; Washburn, 440 Cedar St. Hill City; Campbell home, 215 E 2nd St., McGregor; Schroeder, 111 Airpark Drive, Aitkin; (a second home was moved to that block and sold): Arnold, 11 8th Ave. NW Aitkin; Eagle, 807 1st St. NW, Aitkin; Howe.Simonson, 804 1st St. NW, Aitkin; Huse, 3 8th Ave. NW, Aitkin; Dalbec, 5 8th Ave NW Aitkin; **2009**: Lund, 420 Cedar St. Hill City; Taylor, 125 5th St. NE and Hall, 121 Fifth St. NE Aitkin; **2011**: Smith, 347 Iverson St. McGregor; **2013**: Meyer, 121 Fifth St. NE, Aitkin; **2015**: Johnson, 230 N. Maddy St., McGregor and **2018**, Rian, 210 Minnesota Ave. S. Aitkin. **2020**: New home at 218 Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin.

Our Caretakers



Friends of Habitat

Dan Guida, Aitkin County sheriff



Dan Guida, left, and on the right at the construction site, was a great contributor to the 2018 Aitkin build. Although holding down a full-time deputy job and running for sheriff, he found time for Habitat. He rallied his family and fellow officers to help and worked on roofing and building the garage and the house. Thanks Dan, you were great!

You can help Habitat

You can send a check to Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity,
PO Box 281, Aitkin, MN 56431. Habitat is a 501c3 non-profit affiliate

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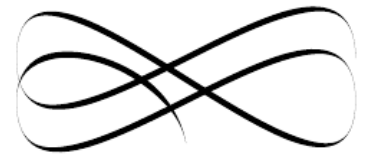
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Left: Lovin' those youth! Alex Hdurlik, a summer youth worker, spruced up the Habitat for Humanity can box that sits in the vestibule at Paulbeck's County Market. Thanks for giving back, Alex!

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