



March 2025

Habitat Happenings

This month, Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity completed a critical home repair for a local veteran and homeowner in need of new windows. Thanks to the dedication of our Veterans Home Repair & Modification Program, the expertise of local contractors, and the generosity of our volunteers and donors, Richard's home is now safer, more energy-efficient, and comfortable.

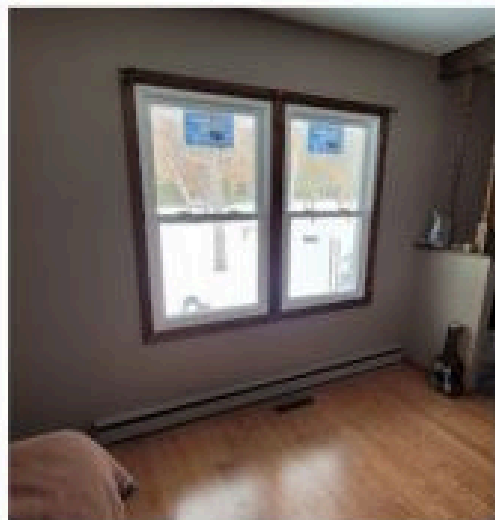
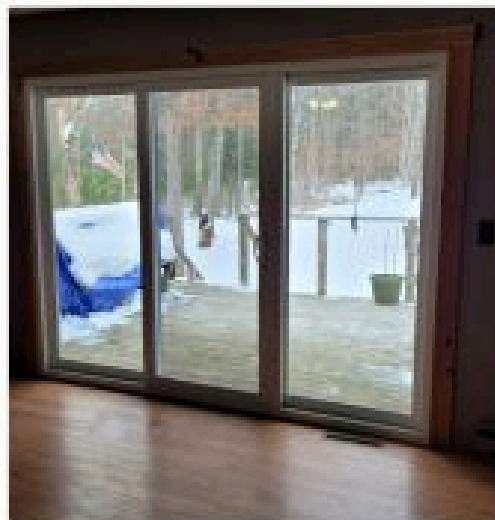
Before the repair, Richard struggled with old, drafty windows that made it difficult to keep his home warm during the harsh Wisconsin winters. "It felt like the wind was coming straight through the walls," he shared. "I was paying so much just to try and stay warm."

Local contractors stepped in to complete the installation. Richard expressed his deep gratitude for the transformation: "It's amazing. My home is warm again, and I don't have to worry about those old windows letting all the heat out."

This project is just one example of how Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is making a tangible difference in the lives of community members. With a focus on long-term housing solutions, health, and veteran support, we are committed to ensuring that individuals like Richard can live safely and with dignity.

Check out the photos below to see the transformation!

Want to get involved? Volunteer, donate, or learn more about how you can support projects like Richard's by visiting wildrivershabitat.org.





Hours:

Wednesday - Saturday:
9am - 5pm

Sunday-Tuesday:
CLOSED

Phone:
(715) 635-4771

Donation hours are by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the ReStore during business hours. We are unable to schedule pick-ups of donated items.



Office Hours:

Monday- Friday:
8am-4pm

Located At:

1357 North River St.
Spooner, WI 54801

Phone:
(715) 939-1930



deserves a decent place to live.



Your donation at checkout will help local families in your community help themselves out of substandard housing and into a stable home.



Individuals and families partner with us to build or rehabilitate – and then purchase – simple, decent, affordable homes.



Future homebuyers work with community volunteers to help build homes, make connections, and learn valuable skills.



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.



Miners Inc., owner of Super One Foods, selected Habitat for Humanity as one of its nonprofits to support with a register campaign in 2025! Starting on March 7 through March 24, customers at Super One Foods and Super One Liquor locations can donate \$1, \$3, or \$5, or they can round up their transaction at checkout. Funds donated at the following locations will be given directly to our affiliate!

- Superior, WI
- Park Falls, MN
- Ashland, WI

Make sure to mark your calendar and support us through Super One!



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Women in Construction Week

From March 2-8, 2025, Wild Rivers celebrates Women in Construction Week, recognizing the skilled, determined, and trailblazing women shaping the industry. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is proud to support and empower women in the trades—through dedicated staff, hands-on programming, and advocacy for more education and experience in construction careers.

The Women Leading the Way

The team includes incredible women who are making a difference every day:

- Amber, Board Chair, provides leadership and guidance, ensuring the mission continues to grow and thrive.
- Jennifer, Executive Director and Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS), ensures home repairs and accessibility modifications meet the needs of homeowners, helping them age safely in place.
- Jami, Housing Programs Specialist, works closely with contractors, homeowners, and volunteers to ensure projects run smoothly.
- Michelle, Community Health Worker – Housing Sector, bridges the gap between housing and health, ensuring families have safe, stable homes that support their overall well-being.
- Mary Jo, ReStore Manager, leads efforts in sustainability and affordable home improvement, ensuring that reusable materials find a second life while supporting our mission.
- Cassie and Kathy, our support staff, keep operations running smoothly, providing essential administrative and accounting support that allows the construction and housing initiatives to succeed.

These women bring expertise, leadership, and a passion for building stronger communities.

Building the Next Generation: Girls Build Camp

One of the ways Wild Rivers inspire future female leaders in construction is through the Girls Build program. This hands-on experience introduces young women to the trades, allowing them to use power tools, build structures, and learn from professionals.

The Need for More Trades Education & Experience

The demand for skilled tradespeople continues to grow, yet women remain underrepresented in the construction industry. Investing in education and hands-on learning opportunities is crucial to bridging this gap. Programs like Girls Build Camp, vocational training, and apprenticeship opportunities are essential for increasing access and encouraging more women to consider careers in the trades.

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is committed to providing these opportunities—through community partnerships, hands-on training, and mentorship. By fostering an environment where women can learn, grow, and lead, we are shaping a more diverse and skilled workforce for the future.

Join us in celebrating Women in Construction Week by:

- Supporting our programs through donations or sponsorships
- Volunteering on-site to gain hands-on experience
- Encouraging young women to explore construction careers
- Spreading awareness about the need for women in the trades

Together, we can break barriers and build stronger communities!

Other News...

Certified USDA Loan Application Packaging

We're proud to offer this lending tool designed to assist income-qualified, rural applicants in purchasing or building their own homes. Through this program, we provide comprehensive support and guidance, ensuring a smooth and accessible path to homeownership. Whether you dream of owning a home or building a new one, our dedicated team is here to help. Join us on this journey to create sustainable communities and make affordable housing a reality. Learn more about the USDA 502 Direct Loan Packaging Services and start your path to homeownership with Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity today by contacting the Affiliate office.

About Us

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in Burnett, Polk, Rusk and Washburn Counties and expanded in 2021 to Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Price and Taylor Counties in Wisconsin.

An affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we build and repair homes using in kind gifts, donations and volunteers to offer a hand up, not a hand out, to those in need of decent and affordable housing. Since forming in 1997, we have constructed 52 new homes and completed over 450 repair projects.

Cars For Homes

We're celebrating gratitude on September 21st and the incredible power it holds to create positive change. When you donate your old vehicle, you're not just letting go of a car – you're giving families in your community a chance for a brighter future. Not only will your donation qualify for a tax deduction, but it will also directly support our mission of creating affordable housing opportunities for families in need. Learn more about vehicle donations by visiting <https://www.habitat.org/support/donate-your-car>

Volunteer Opportunities

Discover rewarding volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity! Join us in feeding our dedicated volunteer crew with lunches, snacks, treats or morning coffee (great for those unable to participate in construction because of age or skill), making a difference as a build day volunteer, or hosting AmeriCorps members and providing vital housing assistance. Reach out to our Affiliate office and be part of the positive change.

Need Help with Your Home?

If you are struggling to maintain the exterior of your home or property due to age, disability, family circumstance, or any number of other reasons, then the Wild Rivers Habitat Home Repair Program might be the hand up that you need. This program helps low-income homeowners that need a little extra help with their owned home, revitalizing the appearance of the neighborhood, strengthening connections within the community and helping to preserve affordable housing stock. Apply today!

Make Your Tax Refund Count for Good

As tax season approaches, consider using your tax refund to make a difference in your community. A donation to Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity not only supports families in need of safe, affordable housing but may also qualify as a tax-deductible contribution, potentially benefiting you next year.

By designating part or all of your tax refund as a donation, you can help us continue our mission of building homes, hope, and brighter futures for local families. Whether it's a cash gift, item donations to our ReStore, or other contributions, your generosity will have a lasting impact.

Consult your tax professional to learn how giving now can align with your financial goals for the year ahead. Together, we can turn your refund into something truly life-changing!

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