

# Annual Report



Building Strong & Stable Communities  
In Burnett, Polk, Rusk, & Washburn Counties

Fiscal Year 2017

## About Us

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity (WRHFH) brings people together to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in Burnett, Polk, Rusk and Washburn Counties in Wisconsin.

An affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, WRHFH builds and repairs 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, WRHFH has constructed 46 new homes and completed over 400 projects through our home repair and painting programs.

## Mission

Using the resources God has given us to eliminate poverty housing in Northwestern Wisconsin and beyond.

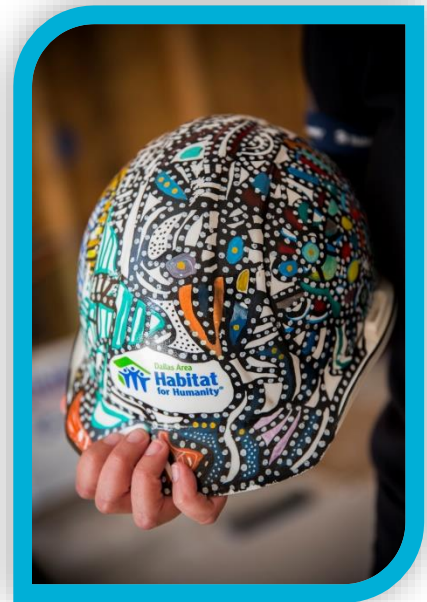
## Vision

Where every person has access to decent houses in decent communities, can experience God's love, and is able to grow into all that God intends.

## Values

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity partners with groups or organizations that wish to further living and working conditions in our area and around the world. We will construct and repair modest adequate housing in partnership with other organizations with similar missions to ours, and to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

1. By working with God's people in need to create a better habitat in which to live and work.
2. By working in cooperation with other agencies and groups which have a kindred purpose.
3. By exemplifying the Gospel of Jesus Christ through loving acts and the spoken and written word.
4. By enabling an expanding number of people from all walks of life to participate in this ministry.
5. By using all of our words and actions for the purpose of putting shelter on the hearts and minds of people in such a way that poverty housing and homelessness become socially, politically and religiously unacceptable in our area and around the world.



## *A message From the Director*

Our belief at Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is that when everyone pulls together in their areas of strength, and applies even a small amount of faith, mountains can be moved. We have witnessed this many times since 1997, as members of our communities have pulled together from all faiths, all neighborhoods around a simple call to help hard working families have a simple, decent, and affordable place to call home.

We take our mission of eliminating poverty housing very seriously, not only as we build new and renovate existing homes, but as we advocate for just practices that will assist the hard-working members of our community who need that hand-up so they can sustain themselves. As part of the global movement of Habitat for Humanity International, we celebrate that this same mission is being accomplished on continents across the world, having impacted over 1.75 million people.

Please know that your insight is critical to the improvement of Habitat for Humanity. I am always eager to meet new supporters, and welcome ideas for increasing our impact through our collective vision.

For every hour and every dollar you commit to our mission, we pledge ourselves to monitor and evaluate our process to best leverage these resources for the deepest impact for those earning between 30-60% of the median income, making safe shelter a matter of conscience and practice.

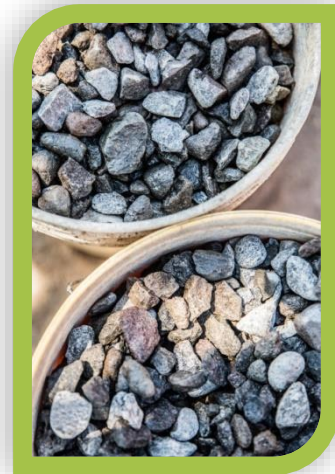
We can't do it without faithful supporters like you, and we are grateful for your time, your prayers, your efforts and your donations. Together we are Habitat. Together we build.

In partnership,



Jennifer Johnson

Executive Director



*Leadership/Management Team*



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Executive Director



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## *Board Members*

We're so grateful for our board members, and the work that they do for Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity!



*From left to right: Greg Fitting, Steve Christian, Grant Burdick, Carolyn Snyder, Mary Federle, Donald Strunk*

## *Volunteer: Be the Heart of Habitat*

Over the past two years, volunteers at Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity (WRHFH) have helped on two new home construction projects, 14 home preservation and repair projects, and spent thousands of hours working in our ReStores.

WRHFH is so grateful for all the work that our volunteers do. Our mission here at Wild Rivers is to use God's resources to eliminate poverty right here in Northwestern Wisconsin. We're only able to do that with the help of our volunteers who regularly give their time to benefit others in need by working in our ReStores, on a build site, or on a home preservation project.

By using your time to volunteer with Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, you're helping create strong and stable communities right here in Burnett, Polk, Rusk, and Washburn counties. Please consider volunteering with us at one of our ReStores, or in other ways as we continue to fight poverty.



## Donations

Donations, along with volunteers, are a big part of what keeps Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity going. We are so thankful for all that our donors have given in the past two years.

Our in-kind donations provide needed materials for our build sites, such as wiring, building materials, tools, and other necessary items. They can also be in the form of needed supplies for our offices and ReStores.

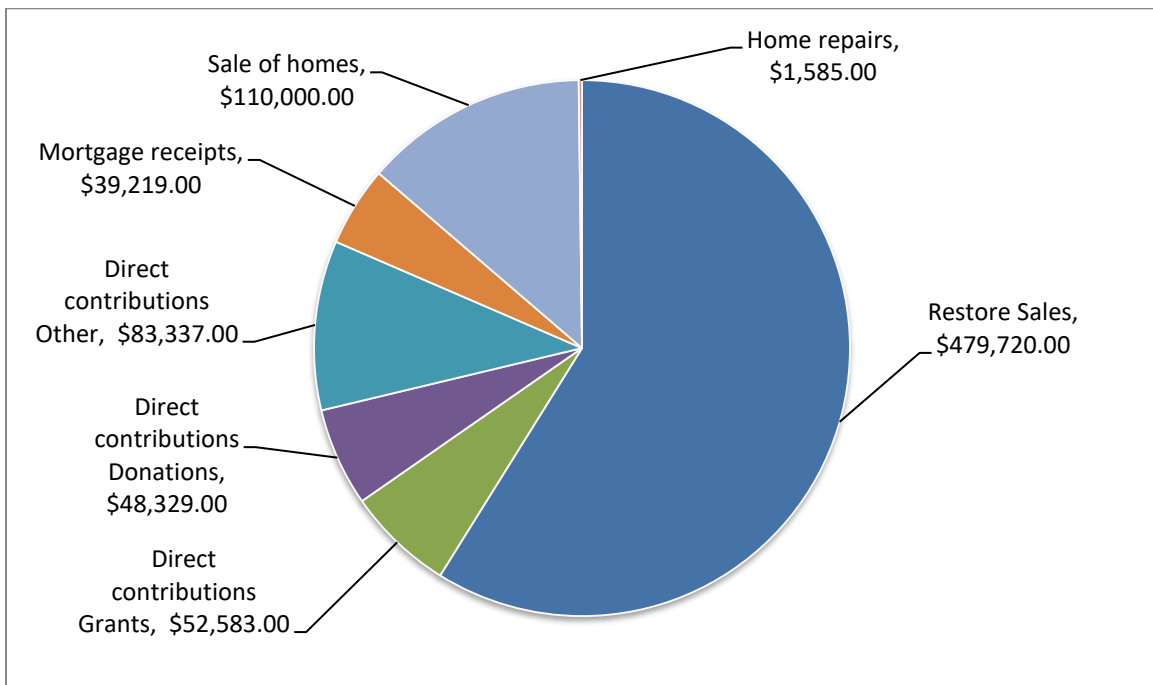
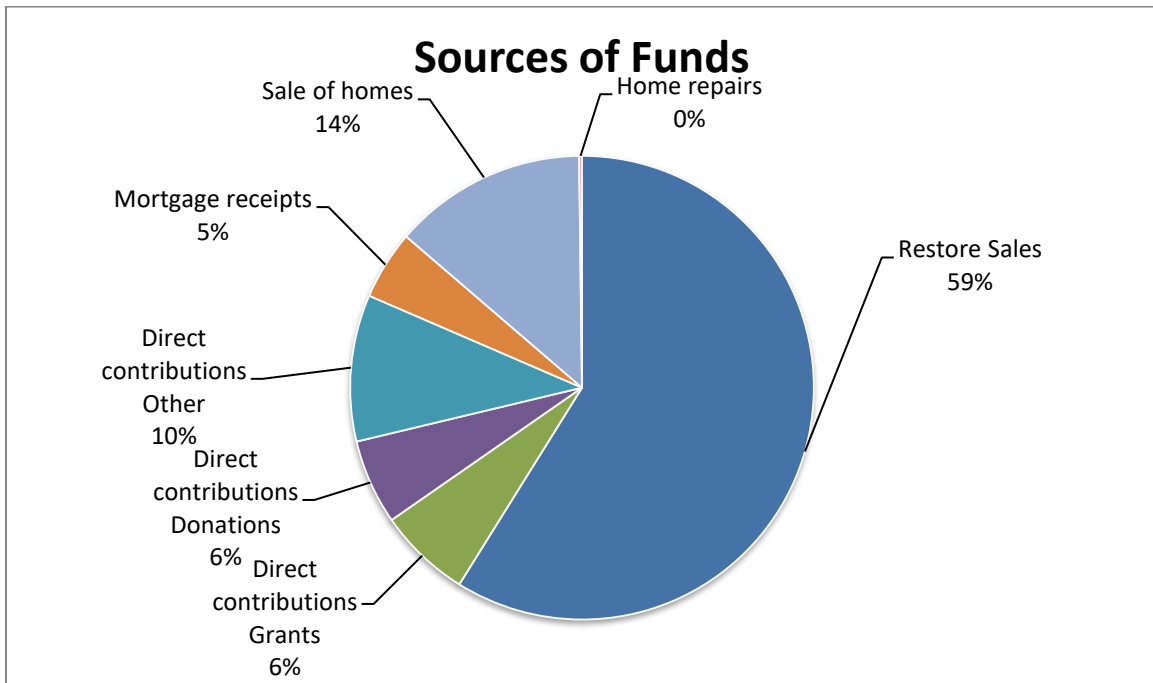
Individuals who donate to WRHFH are very important. They may be Habitat homeowners or their family and friends, or they could be anyone who believes in the work of Habitat for Humanity, and who want to help with the fight against poverty.

Businesses and organizations that donate to WRHFH help us to connect with our community by working with them, and meeting business owners and employees who may not know about Habitat. These donations may be monetary or in-kind.

Grants come from a variety of places, including, but not limited to, banks, businesses, or AmeriCorps VISTA. These grants allow us to purchase building supplies for our construction projects, or bring in an AmeriCorps VISTA who will help build the capacity of WRHFH so we're able to better serve Burnett, Polk, Rusk, and Washburn counties, and build Strong and stable communities within them.

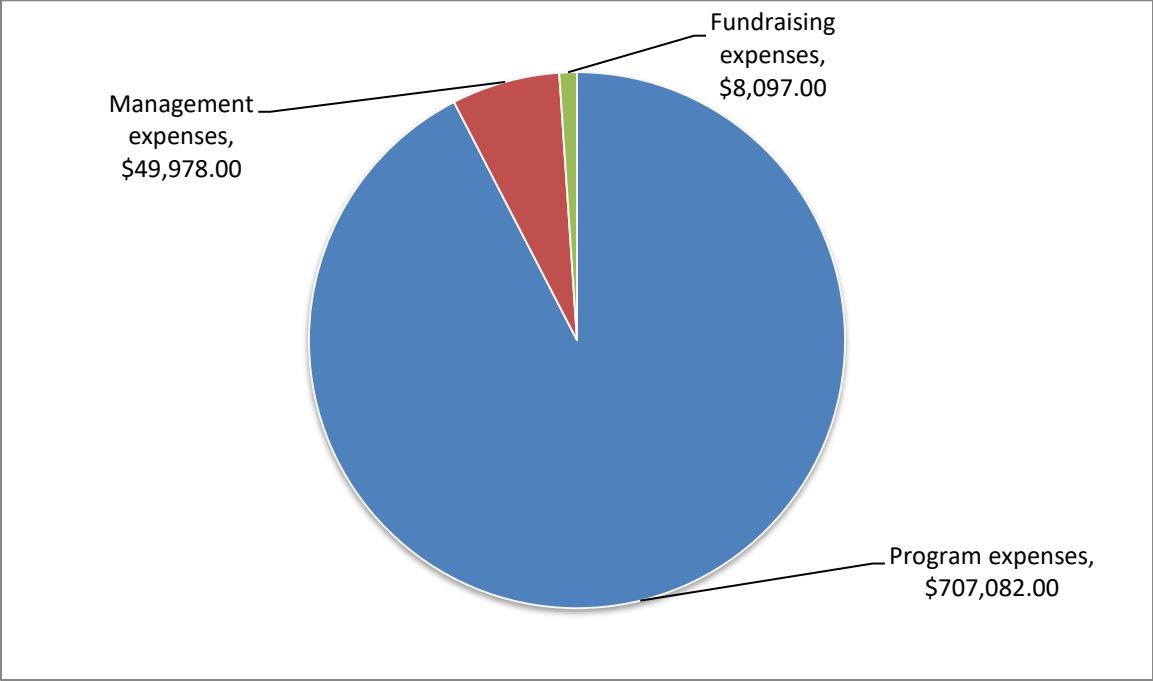
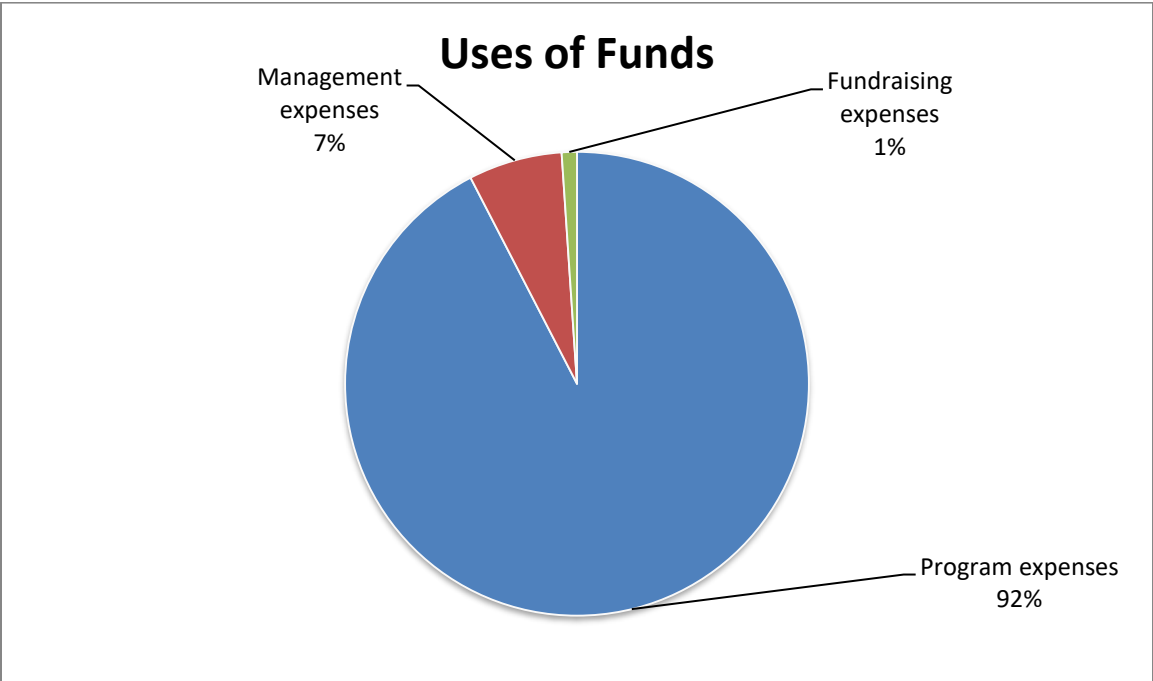


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**COMING SOON!** New ReStore location in Spoooner! In the Spring of 2018, the Spoooner ReStore will be moved to 1357 N River Street, Spoooner, WI 54801. For other details please call 715.483.2700.