



Building a brighter future.

**Wild Rivers Habitat for
Humanity**
Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Annual Report

Executive Director's Report

What a roller coaster ride of a year! It was a year of rebuilding Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

April

4/8/2014 Denise Van Vleet hired as VISTA
4/8/2014 Clarke Commer hired as Assistant ReStore Manager St. Croix Falls
4/29/2014 GiveBig Osceola

May

5/3/2014 Proulx and Bantz ground breaking
5/5/2014 Amos Daniels Hired as Construction Manager
5/5/2014 Susan Somer Hired Fund Development
5/5/2014 Arianna Schultz Hired as Communication Director
5/7/2014 Sandy Nusbaum hired Assistant ReStore Manager
5/15/2014 Jackie Thorwick Resigned went to Hazelden
May 18-23 Build A Thon

June

Pat Kytola moved from ReStore Manager to Accounting/Grant Writing
Rob Irwin hired as VISTA in Spooner
Chris Eliou and John Hendrix hired as summer VISTA in construction
6/6/2014 Grant Ofstedahl Resigned and moved to LaCrosse
6/29/2014 Johnson Home Dedication

July

7/7/2014 Bing Ellingsworth hired SCF ReStore
7/23/2014 Dawn Sederstrom hired as ReStore Clerk
David Carrion Ground Breaking

August

8/2/2014 Sandager/Hayes Ground Breaking
8/3/2014 Cassie Shaker started second year as VISTA
8/3/2014 Theresa Fredricks hired as VISTA
8/11/2014 Pat Kytola started as Interim Executive Director
8/15/2014 Eric Kube Last Day

September

9/2/2014 Mariette Hoffman resigned
9/24/2014 Cancelled term for two AmeriCorp Construction workers
Receipt of Voyager Village Home

October

10/6/2014 World Habitat Day event SCF ReStore
10/17/2014 Susan Somer laid off
10/17/2014 Amos Daniels laid off
10/25/2014 Clarke Commer laid off
10/26/2014 Proulx Home Dedication

November

11/3/2014 Dawn Sederstrom laid off
11/16/2014 Andersen Home Dedication

Executive Director's Report cont.

December

12/20/2014 Christmas Concert Bake Sale
Receipt of Spooner Lot Wildlife Subdivision, Receipt of St. Croix Falls lot

2015

January

1/6/2015 Gail Kovak released from employment
1/24/2015 Bantz Home Dedication
Sale of Danbury House

February

2/2/2015 Soren Peterson hired SCF ReStore receiving
2/15/2015 Volunteer Appreciation Event Balsam Lake
2/19/2015 Non-Profit Management Class Luck
2/26/2015 Sale of Voyager Village home

March

3/10/2015 Mark Miller & Pat Kytola meeting PCEDC and PBEC ReStore renovation/expansion
3/10/2015 Sale of Spooner House Lisle
3/13/2015 Volunteer Fair—St. Croix Falls Library
3/26/2015 Non-Profit Management Class Luck
3/26/2015 Foreclosure Bates house Weyerhaeuser

April

4/11/2015 Martin Home Dedication
4/20/2015 Denise Van Vleet hired Office
4/23/2015 Non-Profit Management Class Luck
4/28/2015 Give Big St. Croix Valley

May

5/13/2015 Sandy Nusbaum resigned
5/21/2015 Non-Profit Management Class Luck
5/28/2015 Volunteer Management Essentials WITC New Richmond
5/28/2015 Brad Baker hired as receiving clerk in Spooner

June

7th-12th Atlanta, Georgia training Habitat—Pat Kytola & Arianna Schultz went
6/16/2015 Greg Fitting and Tom Same joined Habitat Board
Colleen Strasburg first day Assistant Manager Spooner
6/17/2015 Pat Kytola appointed President Executive Director
6/30/2015 Hertzl Camp Youth Crew

July

7/13-18/2015 Hudson Church Group working in Luck
7/8/2015 Sandager event at Luck Church
7/9/2015 Mary Federle joined Board from Rusk County
7/24/2015 Arianna Schultz last day
7/31/2015 Teresa Fredricks and Cassie Shaker last day

I have included a little more than a year in this summary, but as you can see it was a year of ups and downs, a year to remember and a year that I am glad has passed. Here's looking for a more stable and secure 2015-2016.

Patricia Kytola, Executive Director

Chairman's Report

A few highlights of the affiliate: July 2014 - June 2015

July 2014: Initiated Emergency Succession Plan with the resignation of Executive Director Eric Kube and installation of our new Interim Executive Director, Pat Kytola (previous ReStore Assistant Manager in St Croix Falls, WI). Later in the fiscal year, Pat accepts the board's call to be our Executive Director.

September 2014: With the realization that the financial difficulty that the organization was experiencing was not the results of a Line of Credit issue, but a sustainability issue for the affiliate. WRHfH had grown faster than our funding, resulting in the need to lay off three full time staff members.

We thankfully receive a few property donations (older homes in Danbury & Voyager Village), in which were able to be sold, in order to assist in the funding of WRHfH projects & program.

Fall 2014: various new build projects successfully completed: Anderson, in Webster; Proulx, Bantz, and Martin in Centuria.

We developed a partnership relationship with Chippewa County Housing Authority to continue progress on the Sandager Hayes home rebuild project in Luck, WI.

We were saddened with the news of the sudden death of a partner family member, April Hayes.

Received great support from various organization, such as Mount Zion Lutheran Church of Hudson, WI, Care-a-Vanners, Luck Fire Department, Polk-Burnett Electric Coop, just to name a few, in assisting with the Sandager Hayes home rebuild.

Completion of various A Brush With Kindness projects.

Global Tithe contribution to Brazil Habitat for Humanity.

The year has been wrought with challenges and difficulties; loss of staff members, consequences from rapid growth and extended expansion. As we have progressed through the year, we have been able to bring WRHfH into much more financially secured situation. It has been an enjoyment to see the progress and community outreach to the Sandager family home. Thanks to the commitment and determination of staff members, volunteers and board members, WRHfH can continue "using the resources God has given us to eliminate poverty housing in Northwest Wisconsin and beyond".

Mark Miller, WRHfH Board Chair

Four Families Became Homeowners



Jim, Rachel, Devon, Donovan and Derek Proulx at their home dedication. (left)



Heather, Rueben and Phillipe Andersen at their home dedication. (right)



Katie, Brian, Scott and Kendra Bantz now have place to call home . (left)

Kayla and Matt Martin at their home dedication. (right)



2014-2015 Donors

Donors are the heart of our organization.

House Blessor
Hardenbergh Foundation
Hugh J Andersen Foundation
Anonymous Anonymous
Mark and Margaret Stensvold
Bank Of The West
Ron Erickson
Dave and Judy Weiss
American Family Insurance
Robert Wright
Brad and Carol Dosch
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Mt Zion Lutheran Church - Hudson
Larry and Shirley Dukerschein
David and Kim Butler
Polaris Industries

Roof Raiser
AnneMarie Foundation
U.S. Bank Foundation
Cars for Homes
Janet Muellner*
Arts & Crafts Show Inc.

Carpenter's Club

*Carpenter's Club members are monthly donors. They are denoted with a star.**

House Blessor

House Blessers donated over \$1,000 to Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

Roof Raiser

Roof Raisers donated between \$500 and \$999 to Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

Wall Framer

Wall Framers donated between \$250 and \$499 to Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

Ground Breaker

Ground Breakers donated between \$1 and \$249 to Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

2014-2015

Donors cont.

Roof Raiser (cont.)

Central Bank
Parker Hannifin
Andy and Patricia Herriott
Paul Werler
First Lutheran Of Clear Lake
Mark Miller
Pat McCann
Robin and Lisa Cornell

Wall Framers

United Methodist Church
Patricia Schnepf
Willis and Mary Christensen*
Arrow Building Center Milltown
Osceola Community Health Foundation

Kayla, Matt, Levi and Brianna Martin



Wall Framers (cont.)

East Immanuel Lutheran Church
Mary Federle*
David and Margaret Hanson*
Elizabeth M Collins*
Eric and Amy Kube
Carlton and Joanne Spooner
Fred and Pam Albarado
Nancy Kraft
Bethany Lutheran Church Siren
Hope Lutheran Church
Herbert H. Kohl Charities, Inc
Spooner Wesleyan Church
Sacred Hearts Catholic Church
Dan and Cindy Laporte
Amery Lions Club
John Holt

Ground Breakers

Indianhead Credit Union
US Bank Grantsburg
Chuck Markowitz
Donald Strunk
Congregational Church UCC Ladysmith
Steve and Deborah Christian
David and Pamela Clark
Barry and Mary Lu Wold
St. Croix Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

2014-2015

Donors cont.

Ground Breaker (cont.)
Michael W. and Rosemarie Scanlan
Trinity Lutheran Church
Mark and Barb Boyken
Dale Johansen
Bob and Rose King
Amery Hospital and Clinic
Frederic Lioness Club
ShoeBox Recycling
Willow River United Methodist Parish
Pat and Lucy Basler
Mary Holmes
Hiawatha Bank
David and Linda Sandmann
Community Bank Grantsburg
Jump River Electric Coop
Janet and Wayne Kuhn
Ron and Marge Charipar
Giller Masonry
Carol and Mike Schwartz
Abrahamson Nurseries
Dianne and Tim Schweitzer
Curtis and Susan Fallstrom
Pearl Hedlund
Peter and Jeanne Prusak
David and Julie Dahlberg
Kathy Lunderville
Siren Lioness Club
Doug and Norma McFarlan

Ground Breaker (cont.)
Donna Hook
Gina Lewis
Kevin Smith
Joseph and Shirley Cronick
Bruce and Shirley Pankratz
Mike and Cheryl Tomczyk
Ostenso Optometry
Albus Conveyors, Inc.
Nancy Hall
Karen Ek
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Dawn and Daniel Kegley
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Snyder Tax Service- Carolyn Snyder
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Miriam and Arne Lagus
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Mariann L Erickson
Ernie and Fran Naumann
Diane Bystrom
Cheryl Anderson-Hustad
James and Barbara Hoefler
Erin Fox
Dorothy Jirak
Margaret Schmitz

2014-2015

Donors cont.

Ground Breaker (cont.)
Phil and Linda Strop
James and Patricia Standing
Brenda Danielson
Darlene and Matthew Bratager
Pat and Jim Anderson
Lois and Roger Van Someren
Sarah Busch
Colette Kasper
Vicky and Steve Rousselow
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Betty and Stan Peer
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Pass Trucking And Landscaping LLC
American Legion Post 143
Larry and Pat Kytola
Debbie Lundgren
Brad Hult
Kathy Kienholz
Carolyn Johnson

Ground Breaker (cont.)
Sandra Morris
Harold and Jean Brown
Clint and Sigrid Erickson
Leota Schwanz*
Arnold Enslin
Janette Cysewski
Carole Hargrove
Express Medical
Central United Methodist Church
Dana and Larry Collova
Brickfire Pizza
Bass Lake Lumber
Mary and Terrance Gingras
Frederick and Sandra Coulter
MRL Manufacturing
Mary and David Smith
Gerald and Margaret Hesselink
Delores Sandberg
Lawrence and Connie Anderson
John Cronin
Merle and Susan Bergren
Tammy and John Berg
Marjorie and Robert Lee
Diane Roberts
Mary Hahn
Scott and Leanne Thompson
Charles and Mary Jo Arndt
Judy and Carl Meincke
Eva Anderson

2014-2015

Donors cont.

Ground Breaker (cont.)

Martha Harding and Gary Noren
Jeanne Henke
Wally's Saw & Gun
Barbara Wetzel
Janet Knutson
Joseph and Susan Pleskac
Gerald and Jo Ann Gullickson
Mary Jo Merget
Steve and Judy Bergemann
Lois Warren
Sue Disbrow
Charlene Montgomery
Katie Gramse
Roger and Arlene Campbell
Mariette and William Hoefler
Marvin and Mary Nevala
Thrivent Choice Dollars
Alta Belle Cloutier
WFLA Lodge 355
John McConville
Sarah Herrell
Jon and Joann Buss
Charlotte and Ronald Pederson
Mark and Karen Leigh
Lampert Lumber
Patricia and Charles Petersen
Kaye Herranen
Kim Donaldson

Ground Breaker (cont.)

Diane Lechman
Clinton and Ione Gjerde
Fred Buth
Larry and Diane Blahauvietz
Edgar and Joan Schmidt
Ann Schwartz
St. John's Lutheran Church
Charles Wright
Betty Patterson
Judy Park
Cassandra Shaker
James and Karen Krupa
Norma Kretzchmar
Bonnie Cook
Tom and Patricia Messicci
Laurel Reeves



In Kind Donations

A Rocky Place
Acorn Pantry
Adventures Restaurant & Pub
Ed Aide
Amery Classic Theatre
Amery Family Restaurant
Apple River Quilt Guild
Andersen Windows

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Donors cont.

In Kind Donations (cont.)
Dave Weiss
Dean Belisle
Bernick's
Mark Boucher
Brickfire Pizza
Cake Creators
Charles Chirhart
Glennis Chladil
Coffee Time
Colonial Craft
Comfort Systems
Country Hearth Restaurant & Pizza
Courtesy Corporation
Creation Station
Croixland Leather Works
Cindy Cutter
Daefflers Quality Meats
Ladysmith Dairy Queen
Osceola Dairy Queen
Dick's Fresh Market
DOW
Earl Duckett
Patricia Duncan
El Stinko Pumping Services, Llc
Expressions Coffeehouse
Clifton Gustafson
Joseph Gustafson
Hit The Stage Day Spa
Holiday Inn Express

In Kind Donations (cont.)
Holiday Stationstore (Balsam
Holiday Stationstore (Ladysmith)
Holiday Stationstore (Osceola)
Judy Hostvet/Paulson
Hunter Douglas
Ida Mae's Cafe
Indianhead Supper Club
Indigo Iris
James Hardy
Jensen Furniture
Johns Manville Corporate Offices
Jon Michael Route
Joyful Morning
Kwik Trip
Paul Lasarde
Life's Journey Day Spa
Loggers Bar & Grill
Market Place Foods
McBrayer Appraisals
Minnesota Transportation Museum
Monarch Paving
Jean Neuman
North Ridge Plumbing, Inc.
Northwoods Bakery
Nygren Photography
Osceola Interiors
Osceola Lanes
Outdoors Realty

2014-2015 Donors cont.

In Kind Donations (cont.)

Outside In Gift Shop
Palace Theater
Joel Palmquist
Panda King
Papa Murphy's
Pizza Planet
Pure-N-Simple Farm House Foods
Rock and Tait
Linda Sandmann
Schubert & Hoey Outdoor Advertising, Inc.
SerVaas Labs
Valspar
Whirlpool



The Proulx's planting a raised bed garden thanks to a Food For All Grant and the Unity FFA. (above)



Donors and volunteers, a group from Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Hudson raises the first wall on the Martin home. (above)

2014-2015 Volunteer Groups



Herzl Group helping paint the Home and Away Ministries in Luck. (above)



Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Group. (above)

Groups
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran
Bethany Lutheran
Pilgrim Lutheran
Central Bank
Crex Meadows
Trade Lake Mutual Insurance
Herzel
Shepard of the Valley Lutheran
Unity FFA

Trade Lake Mutual working on the Martin home. (below)



2014-2015 Fundraisers



*Baked goods for sale at the Holiday Concert Fundraiser.
(above)*

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser Booth (below)



*Amery Hospital and Clinic
Stud, from the Stud
Fundraiser. (above)*

Fundraisers
Holiday Concert
Ice Cream Social
Stud Fundraiser
Cars for Homes
Give Big
ShoeBox Recycling
Appeal Letters
Holiday Lights Recycling
ReStore Square Foot Sale
Easter Candy Fundraiser



*Frederic Lioness Club Stud,
from Stud Fundraiser. (above)*



Ice Cream Social Fundraiser Booth. (above)



*Praise Band performing at the Holiday
Concert Fundraiser. (above)*

2014-2015

List of Current WRHFH Partner Families

Home Owners	Towns
Andersen	Webster
Bakke	Siren
Blakeslee	Grantsburg
Blanchette	Webster
Bracht	Milltown
Cerra (Woodsmansee)	Bruce
Christensen	Luck
Clark	Birchwood
Collins	Amery
Dugger	Siren
Hause	Webster
Hayes	Webster
Hunter	Webster
Jack	Siren
Janes	Grantsburg
Johnson	Grantsburg
Lannon	Minong

Homeowners (cont.)	Towns (cont.)
Lee	Siren
LeTourneau	Amery
Lisle	Spooner
Lysdahl	Siren
Martin	Centuria
Moe	Frederic
O'Gara	Siren
Olander	Amery
O'Leary	Glen Flora
Ortez	Siren
Proulx	Centuria
Roy	Siren
Schoenberger	Osceola
Summer	Webster
Taylor	Luck
Tracey	Webster
Van Vleet	Centuria
Wing	Birchwood
Yourchuck	Grantsburg

2014-2015

Lots Currently Owned by WRHFH



Concept Plat for Frederic Wondra lots.
(above)

Properties, empty lots owned	
Birchwood	
Clayton	
Danbury Lot 1	
Danbury Lot 3	
Frederic (Wondra about 23 lots)	
Grantsburg	
Ladysmith 6th St project	
Luck Lot 4	
Luck (Lot 5)	
Minong Lot	
St. Croix Falls Lot	
Spooner Wilderness Subdivision	

We love our volunteers!

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (below)



In fiscal year 2014-2015, **276** amazing

volunteers put in **14,099**

hours building homes, providing lunches, repairing homes, working in the ReStores, and helping with office work.

The Corporation for National and Community Service and Independent Sector estimate that one hour of volunteer work in Wisconsin is worth \$22.24. That means the value of

our volunteers is **\$313,561.76.**



Tom Hader, WRHFH ReStore Volunteer of the year with Amy Matthews. (above)



Dale Johannsen WRHFH Affiliate Volunteer of the year with Amy Matthews, keynote speaker. (above)

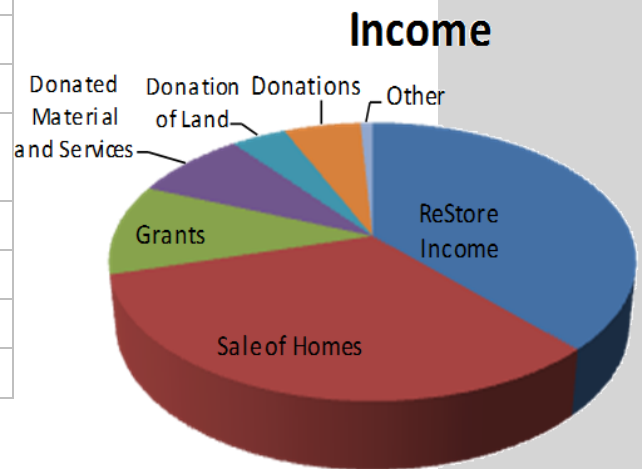
Thank You Volunteers!



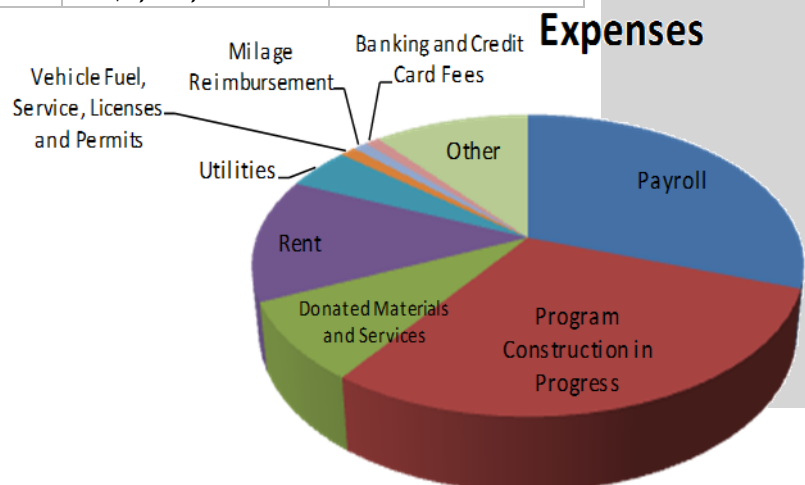
Trade Lake Mutual working on the Martin Home (above)

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Financial Information

Income Category	Amount	Percentage
ReStore Income	\$461,132.82	38.02%
Sale of Homes	\$395,366.11	32.60%
Grants	\$128,472	10.59%
Donated Material and Services	\$100,113.50	8.25%
Donation of Land	\$48,700	4.01%
Monetary Donations	\$68,374.70	5.64%
Other	\$10,835.33	0.89%
Total	\$1,212,994.46	



Expense Category	Amount	Percentage
Payroll	\$330,123.51	30.35%
Program Construction in Progress	\$321,078.94	29.52%
Donated Materials and Services	\$91,536.11	8.41%
Rent	\$143,850.00	13.22%
Utilities	\$49,147.32	4.52%
Vehicle Fuel, Service, Licenses and Permits	\$12,097.68	1.11%
Mileage Reimbursement	\$10,807.49	0.99%
Banking and Credit Card Fees	\$10,783.53	0.99%
Other	\$118,404.06	10.89%
Total	\$1,087,828.64	





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