



Changing lives, one home at a time.

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity **Fiscal Year 2013-2014** **Annual Report**

Executive Director's Report

“What Does Habitat for Humanity Do and why are We Involved?”

GOOD INTENTIONS

Thinking you would like a square meal will not in itself earn you one. Thinking you would like a strong body will not without effort on your part make you an athlete. Thinking you would like to be kind or successful will not bring you gentleness or achievement if you stop with mere thinking. The arrows of intention must have the bow of strong purpose to impel them.

The road to hell, they assure me, with good intentions is paved; and I know my desires are noble, but my deeds might brand me depraved. It's the warped grain in our nature, and St. Paul has written it true: "The good that I would I do not; but the evil I would not I do. "I've met few men who are monsters when I came to know them inside; Yet their bearing and dealings external are crusted with cruelty, pride, Scorn, selfishness, envy, indifference, Greed--why the long list pursue? The good that they would they do not; but the evil they would not they do. Intentions may still leave us beast-like; with unchangeable purpose we're men. We must drive the nail home--and then clinch it or storms shake it loose again. In things of great import, in trifles, we our recreant souls must subdue Till the evil we would not we do not and the good that we would we do.

St. Clair Adams, *It Can Be Done: Poems of Inspiration*

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity in fiscal year 2013-2014 has opened its second ReStore to raise funds to build or repair homes for families in need. WRHFH has completed and dedicated the following homes during this fiscal year: Dawne Summer—Webster, Thomas & Julia Taylor—Luck, Krista & Jared Moe—Frederic, Amy & Tony LaTourneau, plus Mike and Eva Johnson in Grantsburg. Four new homes were started Jim & Rachel Proulx, Katie Bantz and Kayla & Matt Martin all in Centuria and Heather Anderson in Webster. Several A Brush with Kindness projects were completed this year. In February, the Spooner ReStore Manager passed away suddenly, in May 80 AmeriCorps volunteers came from all over the United States to help our affiliate for a week, two summer Vista's were hired for construction, four Vistas were hired for outreach, volunteers and fund development. Longtime employee Jackie Thorwick left in May which allowed for a shifting of others to different positions and four new full time employees joined our team. Overall, it was a year of change and growth, but financially the year was behind mainly because of the construction costs incurred with building four houses at one time and the long cold winter that brought in reduced donations and sales in the ReStore.

Pat Kytola
Interim Executive Director

Chairman's Report

This last year has been highlighted by change, growth and transition. A few specific highlights of the affiliate:

- *Initiated Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University workshop program with Partner Families*
- *The opening of a second ReStore in Spooner, WI*
- *Affiliate merger which now includes Rusk and Washburn Counties, along with Burnett and Polk Counties*
- *Initiated new fundraising techniques; Stud Sponsors and Habitat Volunteer T-shirt sponsors*
- *The affiliate was injected with a boost of energy with the approval of the second AmeriCorps Build-a-Thon*
- *Various New Build projects and A Brush with Kindness projects worked on with our Partner Families*
- *Emergency Succession Plan developed and approved*
- *Global Tithe contribution to Brazil Habitat for Humanity*

The year has also been wrought with challenges and difficulties; loss of staff members, consequences from rapid growth and extended expansion. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is posed to meet these new challenges with the commitment and determination of staff members and board members to continue "using the resources God has given us to eliminate poverty housing in Northwest Wisconsin and beyond".

Mark Miller, Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity Board Chair

Economic Impact

*In the history of Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity 39 homes have been built, 3 homes have been renovated, and nearly 150 homes have been touched with "A Brush with Kindness". The amount of money spent far exceeds **\$2,842,787**.*

*The **factor of 7** is commonly used to represent the number of times one dollar is turned over before it comes to rest or leaves the community. Using this factor, the total value of the activity is **\$19,899,509**.*

*The total assessed value of the investment in the community, calculated by multiplying the average assessed value by the number of homes built, is **\$4,128,000**.*

*The total value of property taxes paid by homeowners in 2013 is **\$22,500**. The average property taxes for homeowners is \$900.*

5 families became homeowners



Dawne and her granddaughters, Madison and Delany at their home dedication. (left)

After becoming homeowners, the Moe's life finally became stable. Jared found a good job with benefits, and Krista was able to finish college and start a new career. (right)



The LeTourneau family at their home dedication. (left)



The Taylor Family receiving keys to their new home. (right)



Mike and Eva Johnson were able to rehab a home in partnership with Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity. (above)

We love our volunteers!

In fiscal year 2013-2014, **1,412** amazing

volunteers put in **29,295** hours building homes, 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 \$21.78.

That means the value of our volunteer is

\$638,052.72

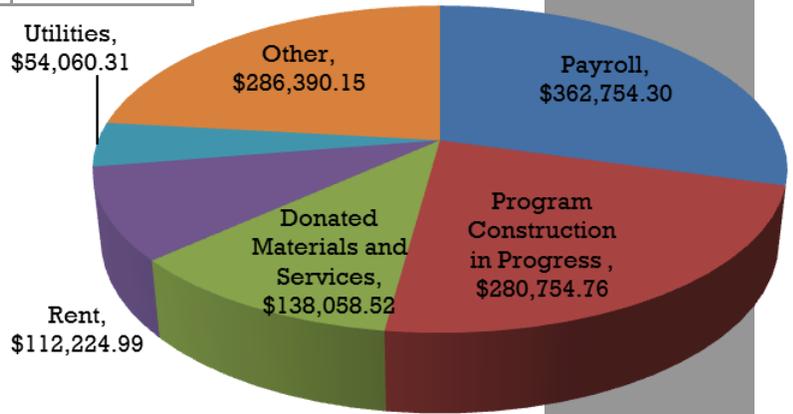


**Thank you
volunteers!**

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Financial Information

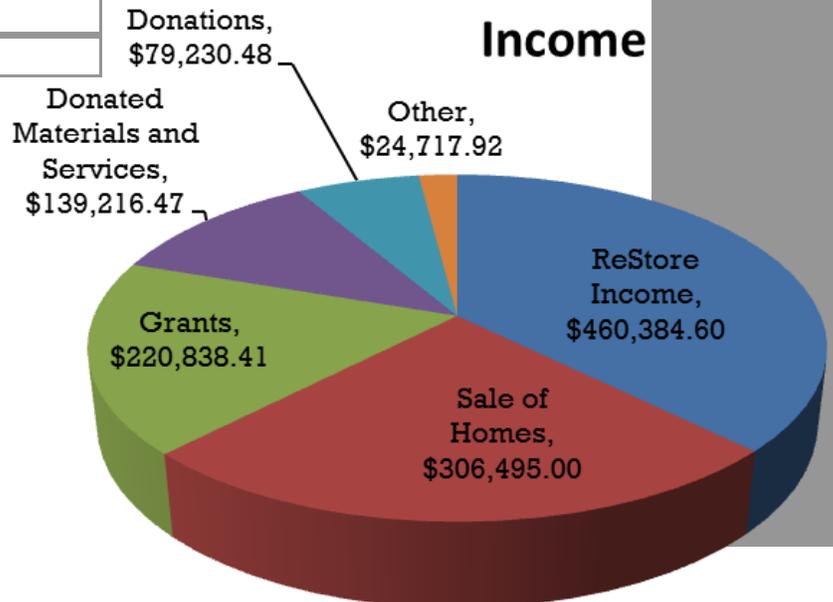
Expense Category	Amount	Percentage
Payroll	\$362,754.30	29.39%
Program Construction in Progress	\$280,754.76	22.75%
Donated Materials and Services	\$138,058.52	11.19%
Rent	\$112,224.99	9.09%
Utilities	\$54,060.31	4.38%
Other	\$286,390.15	23.20%
Total	\$1,234,243.03	

Expenses



Income Category	Amount	Percentage
ReStore Income	\$460,384.60	37.40%
Sale of Homes	\$306,495.00	24.90%
Grants	\$220,838.41	17.94%
Donated Materials	\$139,216.47	11.31%
Donations	\$79,230.48	6.44%
Other	\$24,717.92	2.01%
Total	\$1,230,882.88	

Income





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