

By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. Proverbs 24:3-6

With your continued support since 1997, Wild Rivers has been able to build forty seven new homes throughout Burnett, Polk, Rusk and Washburn Counties. Wild Rivers helps our partner families by giving them a hand up, not a hand out. These houses have helped surrounding communities by putting tax payers into homes and by providing a secure environment for their children. This year with your help, Wild Rivers built its largest house to date – a five bedroom home for a family of eight in Polk County. Wild Rivers has also completed over 400 repair projects since 1997 with our Home Preservation program giving homeowners the ability to remain in their home. Homeowners like Barbara a widow that desperately needed a new roof this year so that her homeowners insurance wouldn't be canceled. Donna whose debilitating health problems prevented her from painting and replacing the siding on her home and veterans like David, disabled and in need of a new roof. We cannot do this work without you.

Whatever you contributed to the Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity family this year, you did from the goodness of your heart and the joy of loving the Lord. Our contributors, donors and supporters invested in affordable homes by:

- Shopping the ReStore
- Serving as committee members
- Volunteering at the ReStores
- Providing meals for volunteers
- Providing financial support
- Volunteering at construction sites
- Serving as a board members
- Donating goods or services
- Donating land or materials

However, our work is not done. Wild Rivers is delighted to share with you first that we have been awarded a 2019 Home Preservation grant from the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development in the amount of \$40,000. The grant will be used for critical home repair projects for low income homeowners in our rural communities. Your matching donations allow us to further increase the number of households served in each county!

You may notice that the mailing address of our Affiliate office has changed. Now located in our ReStore on the north side of Spooner, the Affiliate office will be centralized within our service area making it more efficient to complete projects in each of the four counties we serve.

ReStore 2201 US HWY 8, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 ■ phone 715.483.2700 ■ fax 715.483.2750

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

The Christmas season is the perfect time to reflect on the importance of home. Investing in affordable housing helps families overcome barriers like substandard living conditions, overcrowding or accessibility. Without a decent place to live, people struggle to be productive members of society, children have more difficulties in school, and families cannot thrive. During this joyous time of the year, please think about the families waiting for repairs on their homes and the other families that have yet to reach out to us. These projects need volunteers and funding. Can we count on you to continue investing in affordable housing and helping these families?

You are more than the hands and heart of Wild Rivers, you are the backbone. You are the financial support. You are the ones who understand the mission and the love of the Lord to offer up your time, talents and treasures to help those in need. Please continue to open your heart and give what you can to help Wild Rivers keep building and repairing homes for your neighbors in need. Thank you so much!

We wish you peace and joy this holiday season.



Donald Strunk, Jr.
Chair, Board of Directors



Jennifer Johnson
President Executive Director

P.S. If you have previously given this year, please consider a year end tax-deductible Holiday gift for a loved one. We will send a card to recognize the gift in their honor or memory.