



As we roll into the busy summer season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes our work possible – our incredible volunteers, trusted subcontractors, generous donors, and the brave homeowners who share their stories with us. Your time, talents, and trust are the heartbeat of Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity.

Across our nine-county service area, the need has never been greater. Every week, we hear from people who are doing their best – but still falling behind. A disabled veteran, living alone in a home with a leaking roof and rodent infestations, just wants to live out his years in dignity. A single mom whose car broke down is now choosing between keeping her job and keeping her home. A widow, alone in a rural home, faced weeks without running water after her pipes froze and burst. A family of five, living in a camper with no room to breathe, is doing all they can to stay afloat.

These are not distant problems. These are the people who serve us coffee, check out our groceries, care for our kids, and teach in our schools. They are our neighbors – and they need us.

Since January, we've received more than 140 inquiries from households in need of home repairs, emergency housing assistance, or support navigating health and mobility challenges. The majority of these calls come from working families – folks with jobs who are just one unexpected expense away from crisis. In our region, where wages often don't align with housing costs, and many live in aging or substandard homes, the gap between stability and insecurity is wide – and widening.

Meanwhile, public funding is shrinking. As federal investments in housing and infrastructure decline, so too do the dollars that help support our programs. This leaves us turning to the one resource we can always count on: you.

We need more hands on deck – more volunteers to help with repairs, more donors to keep materials stocked and projects moving forward, and more monthly supporters who can help us plan ahead with confidence.

If you've ever considered giving monthly, swinging a hammer, or simply sharing our mission – now is the time.

Together, we're not just repairing homes – we're restoring hope, one household at a time.



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**


There's a Place for Everyone: Why Volunteering with Habitat Matters

We believe that everyone has something to give—and every act of service helps build something bigger. Whether you're swinging a hammer, stocking shelves, mentoring youth, or simply delivering coffee and a smile to a work crew, volunteering is a powerful way to support your neighbors and strengthen your community.


And the best part? There's no one-size-fits-all. Whether you're looking to help out once or once a week, we have a place for you.

Ways You Can Get Involved:

 **Construction & Home Repair Crews** – Both experienced and no experience needed! Help build new homes, repair roofs, install ramps, or complete accessibility updates for local families—including seniors and veterans.

 **ReStore Volunteers** – Sort donations, assist customers, light building maintenance/cleaning, or work the register. Every item sold supports our building programs. It's a great way to give back. Shifts are 4 hours each, 9 am - 5 pm Wednesdays - Saturdays.

 **Girls Build Mini Camp Women Mentors** – Are you passionate about empowering the next generation? Volunteer at one of our summer mini-camps for girls ages 10–15. Help guide hands-on building projects and spark a love of tools and teamwork.

 **Hospitality Crew** – If construction isn't your thing, you can still show up in a big way. Bring coffee, snacks, or lunch to a crew working on site. This small act of kindness fuels big progress—and is always appreciated.

Volunteer Your Way

- One-time or ongoing
- On-call for special projects
- Community service hours for high schoolers
- Group/team-building days for businesses, churches, clubs, and youth

No matter how you serve, you're helping build homes, hope, and a stronger future. And we promise—you'll walk away feeling just as uplifted as the people you're helping.

Ready to lend a hand? Visit wildrivershabitat.org or call us at 715-939-1390 to learn more and sign up.

Together, we're building more than homes—we're building community.



wildrivershabitat.org



[mightycause.com/organization/
wildrivershabitatforhumanity](http://mightycause.com/organization/wildrivershabitatforhumanity)



2025 Girls Build Mini Camps: Spooner

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce the 2025 Girls Build Mini Camps! Girls ages 10 - 15 will be able to participate in one or more camps that will introduce them to the construction trades, knowledge of tools, and working together to build a project that will be featured in our 2025 Habitat home and repair projects. And it doesn't stop there -- the girls will also be working on individual projects to take home and show off!!

Date/Time	Theme
June 18	Home Tweet Home
June 25	Rooted in Creativity
July 9	Stick with It
July 16	Tangled in Design
July 23	Piece it Together
July 30	Shelf Expression
August 6	Think Outside the Toolbox

**Registration closes the Monday
before the camp date**

Camp runs from 12 pm - 3:30 pm.

Camp will be held at the Spooner
ReStore/Habitat Offices

Registration fee (paid at time of
registration):
\$5/participant/class
or \$35 for all sessions
includes materials & snacks.



Registration Forms can be found on the website (wildrivershhabitat.org)
or at the Spooner ReStore

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

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

Summer is the perfect seasons to lend a hand! Whether you're handy on a build site, great with a paintbrush, or want to help at our ReStore, we have volunteer roles for all skill levels—sign up and be part of something that builds community. 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 at our Webster project site. Contact 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!

Help Build All Year Long – Join the Carpenter Club!

At Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, we know that safe, affordable housing changes lives. But did you know that the most powerful way to support our mission is also one of the easiest? When you join our Carpenter Club as a monthly donor, you provide steady, reliable support that helps us plan ahead and build more homes, complete critical repairs, and serve more families throughout the year. Just \$25 a month can help purchase nails, paint, or insulation—small things that make a big difference when building a better future.

Why Give Monthly?

- It's convenient and budget-friendly
- You'll receive exclusive updates and impact stories
- You're helping provide the foundation for lasting change

Whether it's a ramp for a veteran, a roof for a senior, or a first home for a hardworking family, your monthly gift builds hope. Become a Carpenter Club member today at wildrivershhabitat.org/easywaystogive. Together, we can make every month a building season.