

Next build in 2023

McGregor, Minnesota, is where Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity hopes to build next.

The build will be in 2023. Habitat needs to raise \$150,000 to start the build as well as secure a lot and volunteers.

If you know of a lot within the city limits, that has access to city utilities, let us know. We are looking for a lot that is free or very low costs. We would consider tearing down existing structures.



Land, volunteers, contractors, donations sought for future McGregor build. Shown is construction on the Johnson home on Maddy Street in 2015.

Dave Scott photo



Despite the pandemic, a new home was built in Aitkin in 2021. The homeowners are Kara Anderson, mom, who works at the Crosby hospital, and her children: Adriana and Damon.

Ann Schwartz photo

Our Caretakers

Friends of Habitat



John Baker, project manager

John Baker of Aitkin is indeed a man of all trades. He is a pastor at Aitkin's New Life Church. He also operates the local Wausau Homes building franchise.

In the summer of 2020, Aitkin Habitat owned a building lot in Aitkin with a great partner family chosen and money in the bank to build a home. But, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, previous volunteer leaders chose not to participate.

Baker came forward, offering to be a volunteer project manager. He secured a Wausau Home for cost and donated his time to coordinate the project. Thanks, John Baker, for saving the 2021 Anderson home. You are a blessing.



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- Mail a check to PO Box 281, Aitkin MN 56431
- Stop in at Morris, 214 1st Ave NW Aitkin MN



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Our Builders

2021 and Aitkin house



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Home at 218 Minnesota Ave. S. Aitkin

Garrison Disposal, John Baker, Wausau Homes, City of Aitkin, five finish carpenters, Jeff Young Roofing, Nelson Construction, Jim Frank, Rick Liljenquist, Anderson Custom Exteriors, DuPont, Levelar, Whirlpool, Security Bank, Lance Baumann, Roth RV, Steve Freese, Midwest Machinery, Mc Kay Fulfillment, Beartooth Hardware, Ann Schwartz, Crosslake Shorewood Ceramic Tile, Elan Credit, Lakes Area Habitat, Yeah We do Windows, Solutions Painting, New Day Cleaning, Kathy Robb, New Life Church.

All who brought food. All who babysat and helped the owner. All the volunteers on the house and garage with leads: Dennis Watkins, Wayne Bauerly, Alex Schwartz, Tom Plaggman and Mark Greninger.

All who donated money, time, material or grants.

If we missed you, please let us know and we can update this



Photo highlights



What a difference a year makes.

Top, right: The 218 Minnesota Ave. S. Aitkin home was set on the coldest and snowiest day of January 2021.

Top, left: Mom Kara and Damon and Adriana at the dedication of their new home in September 2021.

Middle, right: First Christmas morning in their new home

Right: Scott Schoemaker was among the loyal volunteers.

