

Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity Annual Report 2022

Welcome Home



Say Yes to affordable housing

More than half of Americans pay half of their take-home pay on housing. And nearly 600,000 people are homeless in the United States, 47 of those who live in Aitkin County.

Housing offers stability to families. Children do better in school. They are more likely to seek education after high school. Parents become involved in the community. Parents begin to volunteer and are more apt to vote if they are homeowners.

Communities benefit greatly from affordable housing. Homeowners stay in the community. Homeowners generate children for the school, patrons for the library, customers for the stores and patients for the health care systems.

Habitat for Humanity families are just like other homeowners. Their children go to local schools and play for local sports teams. They work teenage jobs in food service and healthcare.

Families enjoy maintaining their yards and playing in them. They can try gardening or put in some playground equipment.

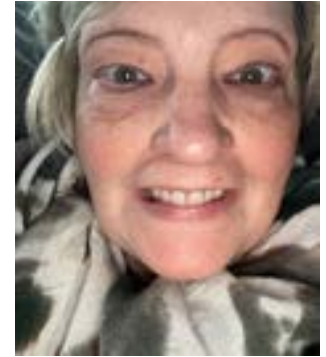
Habitat for Humanity is not a welfare agency. We don't give homes to people. Through grants, donations and volunteers, we keep homes affordable so the working people of our communities can afford to live in a modest and affordable home. They pay a mortgage and all the expenses.

Healthcare, restaurants, hairdressing, construction, factory, human services, trucking, schools, landscaping... These are just some of the occupations in which our homeowners now work or have worked. They are a vital part of our workforce and our communities in Aitkin, Hill City and McGregor.

If all works out, we will build soon in McGregor. Our key verse for our next build is:

Then the Lord said to Abraham: I will give you this land for your descendants.

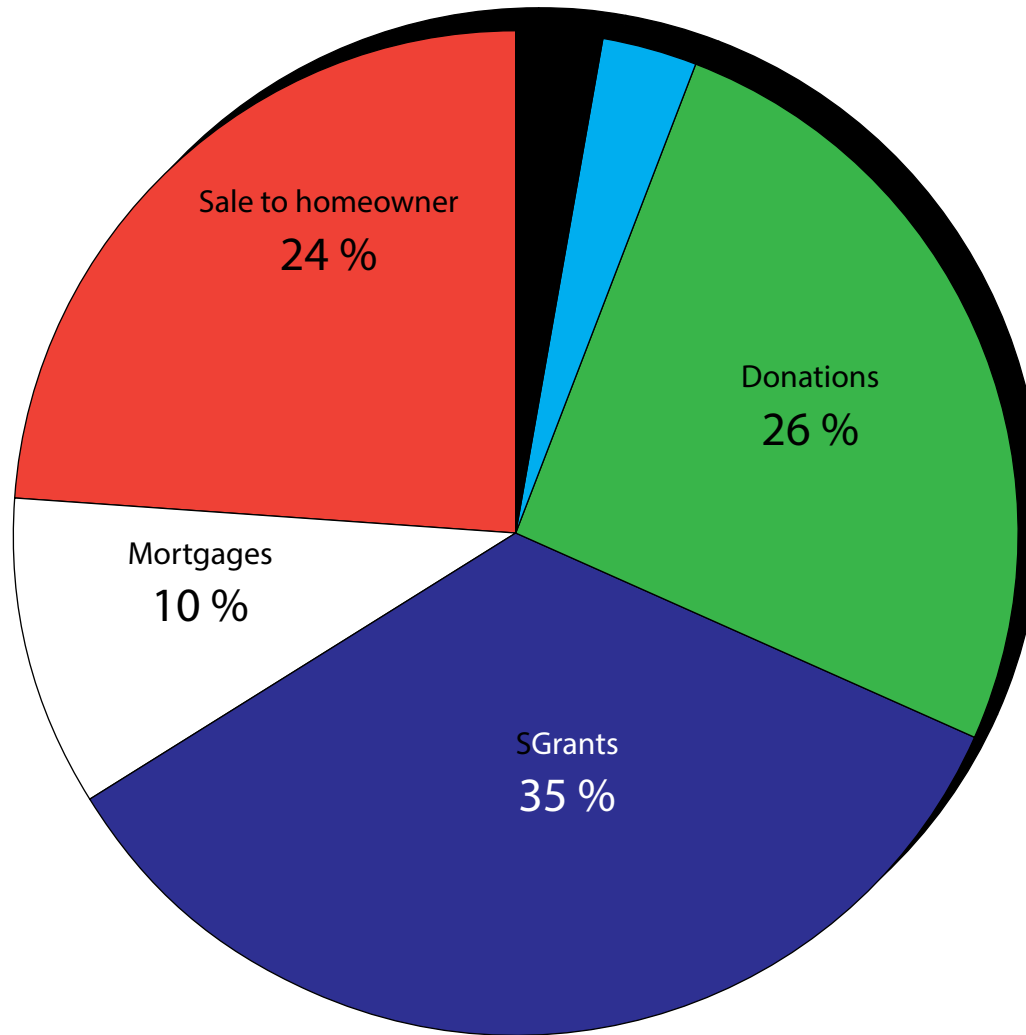
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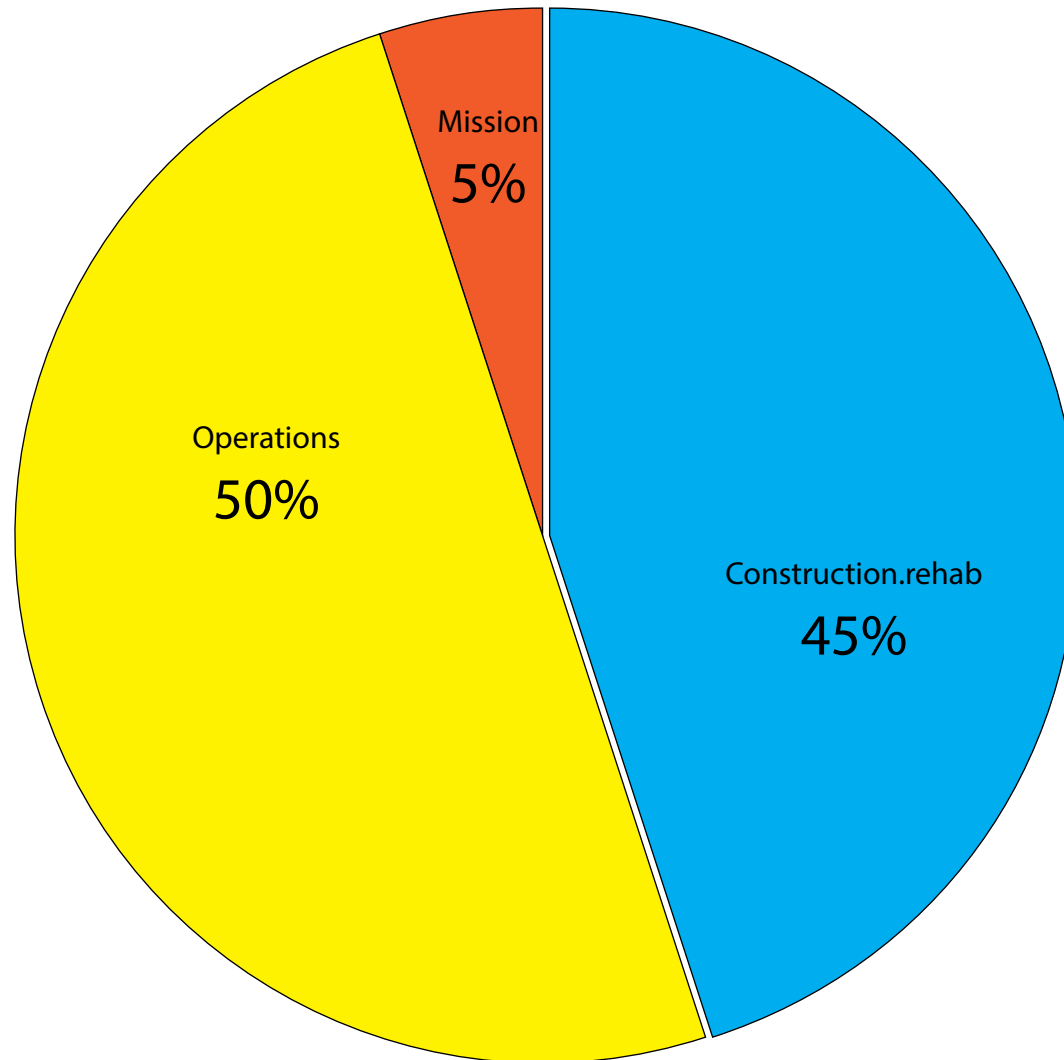
*Ann Schwartz, director,
Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity.*

Income 2022 \$211,574

Fundraisers, other
3 % each



2022 Expenses \$114,361



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