

# The Builder

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## From the Chairman

It's great to be building again! After breaking ground last September, it's been fun to be part of our third build here in Mitchell. Building is really the most exciting part of Habitat - seeing the excitement of the family, camaraderie at the site, learning a little, sharing a little, and meeting new people.

After two years of struggling to survive, the excitement has now returned to Mitchell Regional HFH. We have a full board of enthusiastic members who are willing to work. I want to thank each one of them for their patience, attentiveness, and understanding as we met and prepared for our current build. During the years of struggle it was tough to be part of our board, looking for new members and handling a large workload. Now that we have a full board, the workload is spread among many, which makes the load lighter for all. But we always have room for more help on our committees if you're interested in serving our families and community. Habitat offers so many ways to help, from choosing build sites to nurturing and supporting our families. The full list of committees appears below. If you want to join us, our contact information is found below. Habitat is a great organization with a worthy cause, and you'll have fun investing your time with us.

You've already been introduced to our newest partner family, headed by Dezarae Davis. She and her family have been working on the house and are very anxious to see it completed so they can start to settle in. We anticipate a dedication in March. For her sweat equity hours she has been helping with the construction, doing mailings, sending thank you letters, and serving lunches. We've also enjoyed the help of her step-dad John. We want everyone to understand that Dezarae is buying this house. Habitat is not a giveaway program. All of our homeowners buy the houses from MRHFH and make payments to us, just as other homeowners pay the bank. MRHFH holds the first and second mortgage on each house. The only difference is that we charge no interest on our loans. The money our homeowners pay us for their mortgages each month goes directly to the fund for building the next home. So any money given to MRHFH becomes part of this revolving loop, building many, many homes, continually working to better our community.

If you've helped at the site, or visited with anyone that has, I'm sure you've heard of Mick Pietz, our site supervisor and the most patient guy on earth. Mick has supervised all three of our builds here in Mitchell. He knows construction from top to bottom and can show even the most unlearned how to contribute. Mick celebrated a milestone this fall with his 80th birthday (we gave him that day off). Thank you so much, Mick...you have been a true blessing to Mitchell Habitat! A special thank you to Mick's sidekick Del as well. All of the great ones have a great sidekick. Thank you both!!

While I'm sharing thanks, another name that comes to mind has been a tireless leader throughout our construction process. Jon Schmitz has been the coordinator for most of the project, and I want to thank him for all his work throughout this build.

Who's next? That's the next question. As we work to complete this home and dedicate it to Dezarae and her family, we start to think about our next house. But who will we build it for? We are currently taking applications for homeowners and will soon make a selection for our fourth build. You can get an application at [www.mitchellhabitat.org](http://www.mitchellhabitat.org) or by calling 996-9068 and requesting one. Please, if you know of someone that may be eligible, encourage them to fill out and return an application! For more information, visit the website or call us. You can also visit Habitat International's website at [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has helped Mitchell Regional HFH. Whether you've pounded nails, given money, served a meal, or worked on a committee, you have truly made a difference in the lives of the families we serve, and we really appreciate it. God blesses a cheerful giver! Thanks again!

Michael Asmus, Chairman  
Mitchell Regional Habitat for Humanity

## Committees

Family Nurture/Support Committee  
Family Selection Committee  
Executive Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Construction Committee  
Site Selection Committee  
Fundraising & Public Relations Committee  
Church & Volunteer Relations Committee

Would you like to serve?  
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# Meet the Davis family



## They will be receiving a Habitat house in 2009

Dezarae Davis is an LPN who has worked for Dr Brian Tjarks at Dakota Family Practice for 1 year. She is originally from Mitchell and returned to live here 2 years ago with her sons Mason, age 7, and Maddox, age 3. The Davis' enjoy spending time outside and can't wait to have a yard to care for and play in once their new Habitat home is finished!

Donations for "a build" come in all forms.  
What will yours be?

Materials needed	Price	Quantity
2X4's	\$2.50	
2X6's	\$7.50	
Sheet of plywood	\$10.00	
Door lock	\$11.00	
Sheetrock	\$12.00	
Bundle of shingles	\$25.00	
Box of nails for "gun"	\$40.00	
Box of nails for hand drive	\$50.00	
Square of siding	\$70.00	
Exterior door	\$250.00	
Deck	\$425.00	
Window package	\$1700.00	
Truss set	\$2700.00	

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