

BLACK HILLS STRONG

MAKING IMPACTS & CHANGING LIVES

NORTHERN HILLS NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources-HUD Approved Housing Counseling

"Jenny" came to NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources in May 2022 unable to find a home she could afford. As a single mom of four school age minors Jenny had obvious needs that she could not meet with an income below 50% Area Median Income. In fact, Jenny quit searching for a home later in 2022 due to the frustration in finding anything she could afford. She returned to NWDHR in October 2023 with an accepted offer on a home. She called to inquire about her qualifications for down payment assistance which she needed to qualify for the USDA 502 Direct Loan she had applied for. Jenny quickly completed the assistance application process and HERO homebuyer education course. Ultimately, Jenny received down payment assistance from both NWDHR and GROW SD in Aberdeen. USDA approved Jenny's loan and she moved into her new home in time for Christmas.

RAPID CITY Volunteers of America- VOA Housing Assistance

A family of eight were referred to SD Housing Assistance through the Rapid City Area Schools McKinney-Vento Program. With several school-aged children, preschoolers, and an infant, they struggled to find childcare, employment, and housing due to their large household size. Despite previously being housed through a Section 8 voucher, they were evicted because the landlord did not accept vouchers. Consequently, they resorted to living in their vehicle until SD Housing Assistance placed them in an emergency shelter. During their stay in the shelter, the family accessed various other services offered by VOA's Black Hills Community Outreach Program, including Mommy's Closet, which provided them food and diapers for their baby. The father of this family secured employment while in the emergency shelter, and with VOA's assistance, the family was connected to stable housing and continues to receive case management to maintain their stability.



STURGIS

Crisis Intervention Shelter Service

C.I.S.S. received a call for shelter from an elderly woman on our emergency crisis hotline one weekend. She was experiencing elder abuse from her son that she was currently residing with. She had suffered through emotional, mental, and financial abuse in the last few years and it was only getting worse. Due to a recent altercation, she was seeking immediate shelter. An advocate responded soon after the call to complete an intake with the woman. After entering the shelter, she was determined to find housing as soon as possible. We were able to help her obtain her birth certificate to apply for rentals. After advocates worked with her on many applications, it all paid off when she was accepted for a low-income senior citizen apartment complex. She is now free to make her own decisions once again and is able to heal in peace in her new apartment.

SOUTHERN HILLS CASA 7th Circuit Program

This very young infant was left strapped in a car seat while his young mother partied or held social gatherings at her home. When found by his paternal grandmother and father this child needed medical attention as he had 3rd degree burns on his body from being in soiled clothing for days upon days. In this case the mother has come forward to begin visitation and the father has become the placement parent with many services being provided. Just when things seemed to be going very well, the mother found out that she was pregnant and is now not visiting the child any longer. Also, the father was unable to make his rent and so has had to move in with his mother. Through a lot of hard work by the father and with the assistance of the CASA volunteer involved with this case, things are looking up, as the father is now able to get housing and daycare provided to him, so he is able to work and now support himself and his child.

Total Served in the Black Hills 115,257

Northern Hills 9,292

Sturgis 5,902

Rapid City 89,225

Southern Hills 10,838