



September 29, 2014

**Helping Build Strong Habitat for Humanity Affiliates**

- Aitkin County
- Central Minnesota
- Crookston Area
- Crow River
- Detroit Lakes Area
- Douglas County
- East Central Minnesota
- Fergus Falls Area
- Freeborn/Mower Counties
- Goodhue County
- Itasca County
- La Crosse Area
- Lake Agassiz
- Lakes Area
- Leaf River Area
- Martin and Faribault Counties
- Minnesota Valley / Brown County
- Morrison County
- North St. Louis County
- Northwoods
- Prairie Lakes
- Red River Valley
- Redwood River
- Rice County
- Rochester Area
- South Central Minnesota
- Southwestern Minnesota
- Steele Waseca Area
- Twin Cities
- West Central Minnesota
- Western Lake Superior
- Winona-Fillmore Counties

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Dear Brandon,

We are writing to thank you for the use of your repeater for the communications we needed to run a safe 22nd Anniversary Habitat 500 Bike Ride during the week of July 13 to 19. It is great to be able to partner with ham radio operators in such a worthwhile manner and we appreciated the good coverage we had while passing through your area.

It is a bit of a challenge to keep track of the health and welfare of all 120 bicyclists over a daily route ranging from 70 to 100 miles. The use of ham radios played an important role in enabling us to get assistance to the riders very efficiently.

The 2014 Habitat 500 Bike Ride has been quite successful in terms of raising both funds and awareness. To-date we have raised nearly \$300,000. We also received wonderful press coverage in a number of communities we visited. We hope you saw some of these newspaper articles or the video / sound bites. We hope you feel a sense of partnership with us in this endeavor -- we couldn't have done it without you!

Those accomplishments are coupled with the fact that event expenses not covered by sponsorships and registration fees totaled just 3% of total funds raised. Nearly 97% of every dollar raised this year went to support the mission of Habitat for Humanity -- the elimination of poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota was created by the 32 Habitat affiliates in Minnesota as a collaborative effort to increase the number of families served statewide. This year, Minnesota Habitat affiliates will work to break the cycle of poverty in partnership with 300 families. Together they will create and preserve homeownership by building and repairing homes in neighborhoods across the state.

Please know that your support for the Habitat 500 Bike Ride has helped to make simple, decent, affordable housing a reality for many families in need. Our sincere thanks for your support!

Very Best Wishes,

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