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'Blitz Build:' Three Houses In Eight Days

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SIoux FALLS, SD - Three houses, eight days and hundreds of volunteers to do the job.

Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build has come to Sioux Falls, and workers have already gotten a lot done.

It's a quite the sight on Sioux Falls' northwest side, as 120 volunteers work in the summer sun to build three Habitat houses in just eight days. Work began just this morning, and you can see it's going fast. Vera Gravett was at the site first thing.

"My sister found out about it, we've always wanted to do it so we thought why not lend a hand," Gravett said.

Gravett is from Sioux Falls, but many of these workers are not. Bill Bauck has been traveling with the Blitz Build crew since 1995.

"Got a fairly large number from Arizona, got a guy from New York, I'm from Kansas, we've got Wisconsin, scattered across the U.S., Texas," Bauck said.

Habitat for Humanity only chooses one community every year to do the Blitz Build, and they pick a community that could really use some helping hands.

"We travel to a different city every year, find a Habitat affiliate that has the money for houses but maybe not the volunteers, so we supply that volunteer component," Bauck said.

Over the next week, workers will come and go, but the goal remains the same: to provide permanent homes for three families in need.

"Does your heart good to see people giving back to the community this way," Bauck said.

"I think it's great to help someone who needs it," Gravett said. "I'm glad to be a part of it."

Volunteers don't need much training; they go through a safety presentation each day, but otherwise all that's needed is willingness to work.

[Click here for more information about volunteering for the Blitz Build.](#)

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