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Day Two: Blitz Build Constructs Three Homes

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SIOUX FALLS, SD - New home construction isn't uncommon in Sioux Falls, but exactly how fast three homes will be built over the next few days just may be a record. A building blitz is underway in northwest Sioux Falls for Habitat For Humanity.

Hundreds of volunteers are working rain or shine, heat or humidity over the next week to build three new homes.

But this build is a little different than others. An external group, It's An Amazing Blitz, partners with local Habitat For Humanity chapters to build new homes quickly. The group brought 80 builders from across the country; some of which have been doing this since the early 1990's.

Every year, the Blitz group visits one community which is selected through a very competitive process. Having chosen Sioux Falls, crews started working Thursday and will now build three homes from the ground up by next Saturday with the help of other volunteers and the future homeowners.

The recipients are earning sweat equity in their new homes, which serves as their down payment. Habitat then sells the homes at zero percent interest; money that's used to build future habitat

For a look at the progress and more on the program, click on the video player above.

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