

Brookings Habitat for Humanity and the Brookings Regional Builder's Association partner for a first-time-ever Home Builders Blitz Build

The Brookings Habitat for Humanity Home Builders Blitz, completed June 8, 2008, was a true accomplishment for the Brookings Habitat for Humanity and the community of Brookings. This project involved the challenge of completing a house in one week. Members of the Brookings Home Builders Association were a national model for building this home for a deserving family in a one week period. Over 20 contractors, including Mills Construction, were willing to donate their time, talents, and materials to achieve this extraordinary goal! Also, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity filmed a DVD of this project that will be used nationally throughout the coming years!

When Mills Construction was asked for their expertise, Randy Hanson thought about the unique things they could bring to the table. "We have our own HVAC/plumbing department and four full-time people with degrees in construction management, and advanced computer capabilities for

estimating, scheduling, and project management. It only seemed natural to take the lead role of project manager, and we're very proud of the fact that we, as part of a bigger team, could be involved." Mills Construction also donated the use of their boom truck crane and operator, and did all of the plumbing work on the house. The one-week event paralleled TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. "While our main focus was an act of love, this served as an aid in building better public relations for our company and the construction industry," said Hanson.

"On behalf of Mills Construction and the Brookings Regional Builders Association, we want to thank everyone who was involved in the Blitz Build Project," said Randy Hanson, president of Mills Construction. "It was a huge success. In spite of the weather, we were able to erect and finish the home in one week as planned."