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2010 Repair Affair Applications Sought

December 28, 2009 (SIOUX FALLS, SD) - - - The Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire (HBASE) is now accepting applications for the community service program called the Repair Affair, where homes are remodeled for free to meet the accessibility needs of people who are at least 65 years old or permanently disabled. Homeowners with a dependent who is disabled would also qualify for the program.

Many people suffer from different impairments where fairly routine movements may seem difficult or near impossible. The following are some examples of home improvements that would make their life a bit easier: **wheelchair ramps, widening doors or openings, grab bars for bathrooms, handrails for front/back steps and replacing turn knobs with push and pull levers for both doors and faucets.**

A Coordination Committee, in conjunction with the Sioux Falls Community Development, reviews the applications and determines which projects to undertake. The Repair Affair seeks to complete a number of projects on June 8, 2010 (*date subject to change*) **at no charge to the homeowner**. HBASE will provide the volunteer labor (materials are paid for through a grant from Sioux Falls Community Development and the Sioux Empire Home Builders Care Foundation).

To qualify, an applicant must meet the following criteria (subject to change):

- you must own the home and it must be within the Sioux Empire (Lincoln, Minnehaha, McCook and Turner county borders)
- your home must be a single-family dwelling that you occupy yourself
- you, or your dependent, must have a permanent disability **OR** be 65 years of age or older
- Because volunteers complete the work, extensive projects will not be considered and if your home needs major repairs or is not structurally sound, we will refer you to an appropriate agency. Also, accessibility improvements will not be done on mobile homes.

Your household incomes (minus ongoing medical expenses) must be within the following guidelines (2010 income guidelines are provided by Department of HUD and are subject to change):

Household Size	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons
Annual Income*	\$ 23,300	\$ 26,650	\$ 29,950	\$ 33,000

If you feel you or someone you may know qualifies for Repair Affair, call the HBASE office at 605-361-8322 and request an application. They are also available online at www.hbasiouxempire.com. **All applications must be received at the HBASE office by Friday, April 2, 1010 to be considered for the 2010 Repair Affair program.**

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