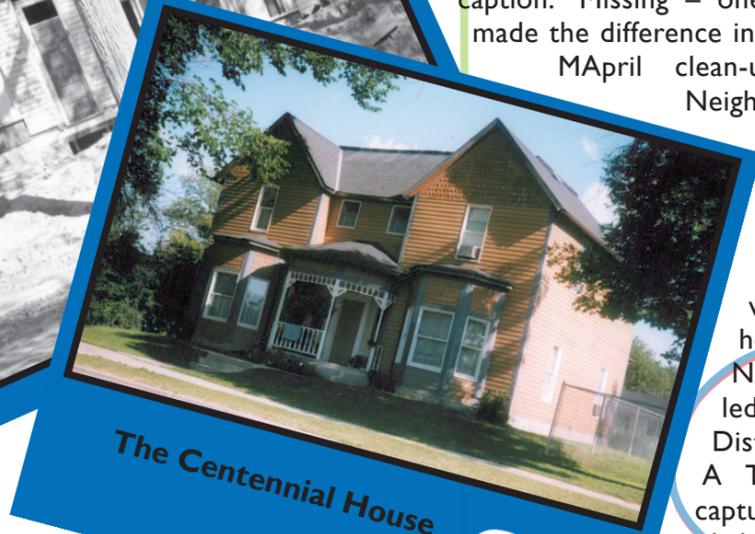


# 30 YEARS OF IMPACT



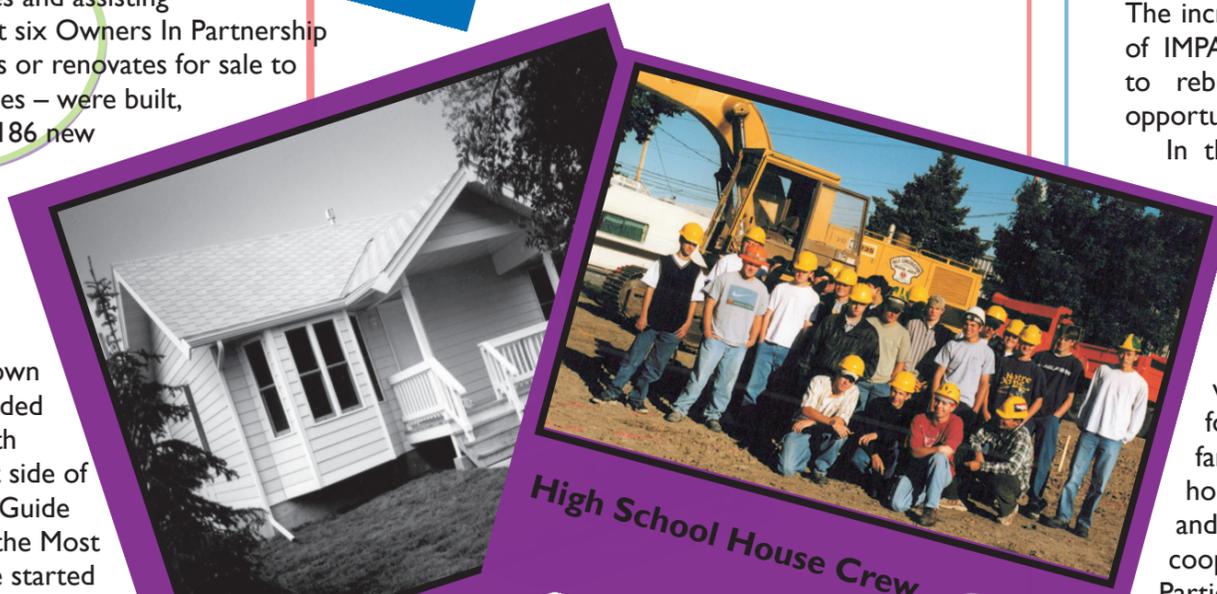
In 1980, the City of Great Falls, local businesses and neighborhood residents founded Neighborhood Housing Services to attack decline in the neighborhoods. The vacancy rate was 16% and 14 homes were boarded up in just one three-block area. Blight removal – clearing out tumble-down buildings, burned out shells and trash – was the major IMPACT. One newsletter pictured an empty lot with the caption: “Missing – one eyesore.” Volunteers made the difference in the office, on the annual MApril clean-up campaign and with Neighborhood Watch. The first new home in 20 years was built on the lower southside, the Anaconda Co. homes were moved to 6th Avenue South, and the Centennial House was transformed from a crack house to a neighborhood icon. NHS obtained a HUD grant which led to the Business Improvement District and the streetscape plan. A Tribune headline that decade captured the changes: “Neighborhood rehabilitation becoming visible.”



The Centennial House

80s

During the 1990s, NHS's community IMPACT was building new homes and assisting first time homebuyers. The first six Owners In Partnership houses – homes that NHS builds or renovates for sale to low and moderate income families – were built, a program which has produced 186 new homes. A partnership with local schools created the high school house construction program, creating 26 new homes. Local banks, our national partner NW America and the City of Great Falls provided loan capital for down payment assistance. NHS expanded to serve the mid-north and south sides and the historic southwest side of Great Falls. The first Resident's Guide to City Codes was printed and the Most Improved Property awards were started to celebrate private investment in historic neighborhoods. A partnership with a private developer produced five new four-plexes on the southside, addressing the need for quality rental homes.



High School House Crew

90s



Between 2000 and 2009, NHS's IMPACT was felt throughout the state. NHS developed NeighborWorks Montana to provide homebuyer education, homeownership planning and down payment loans everywhere in the state in cooperation with the RC&D's and a handful of cities. NHS became NeighborWorks Great Falls, the new name reflecting the spectrum of services. Expansion neighborhoods included Black Eagle, the historic northwest side and the Sunnyside area. NWGF construction sites became a classroom for the College of Technology Construction Trades Program. Foreclosure prevention services were expanded to help families stay in their homes and retain their equity. Families started building their own homes under the Mutual Self-help Program, which has built 56 new homes. The Montana Board of Housing provided funds for down payments and for homebuyer education and homeownership planning. Volunteers collected trash, laid sod and planted trees, making a huge visual IMPACT on Great Falls.



NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center

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The incredible partnerships leading to 30 years of IMPACT support the NeighborWorks mission to rebuild historic neighborhoods by creating opportunities for successful homeownership.

In this decade, NeighborWorks Great Falls will build or renovate 200 homes, including 30 student-built homes (with the high schools and MSU-COT) and 100 owner-built homes (under the USDA Mutual Self-Help Program). Partnerships with lenders and NeighborWorks America will bring capital for down payment and foreclosure prevention loans to more than 1,000 families. NeighborWorks will build affordable homes and townhomes in more neighborhoods and will assist residents in mobile home parks to cooperatively purchase the parks, securing the land. Participation in the Downtown Alliance will increase the IMPACT on the central core of Great Falls. With the help of residents, government, and business partners, the IMPACT of NeighborWorks continues.



Sunnyside Neighborhood

2010 and BEYOND



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14 percent of Multiple Listing Service real estate sales in Great Falls involve NWGF's homes or loans



2% vacancy rate in target neighborhoods, down from 16% in 1980

1,641 local families have become homeowners with NeighborWorks help

1.3 million sq. ft. of residents and volunteers with NeighborWorks sod laid by

186 new homes built, including 25 high school houses and 56 Mutual Self-Help homes

27 years of Maprils, a community-wide clean-up drive

\$135 million in public and private investments have been poured into NWGF neighborhoods



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