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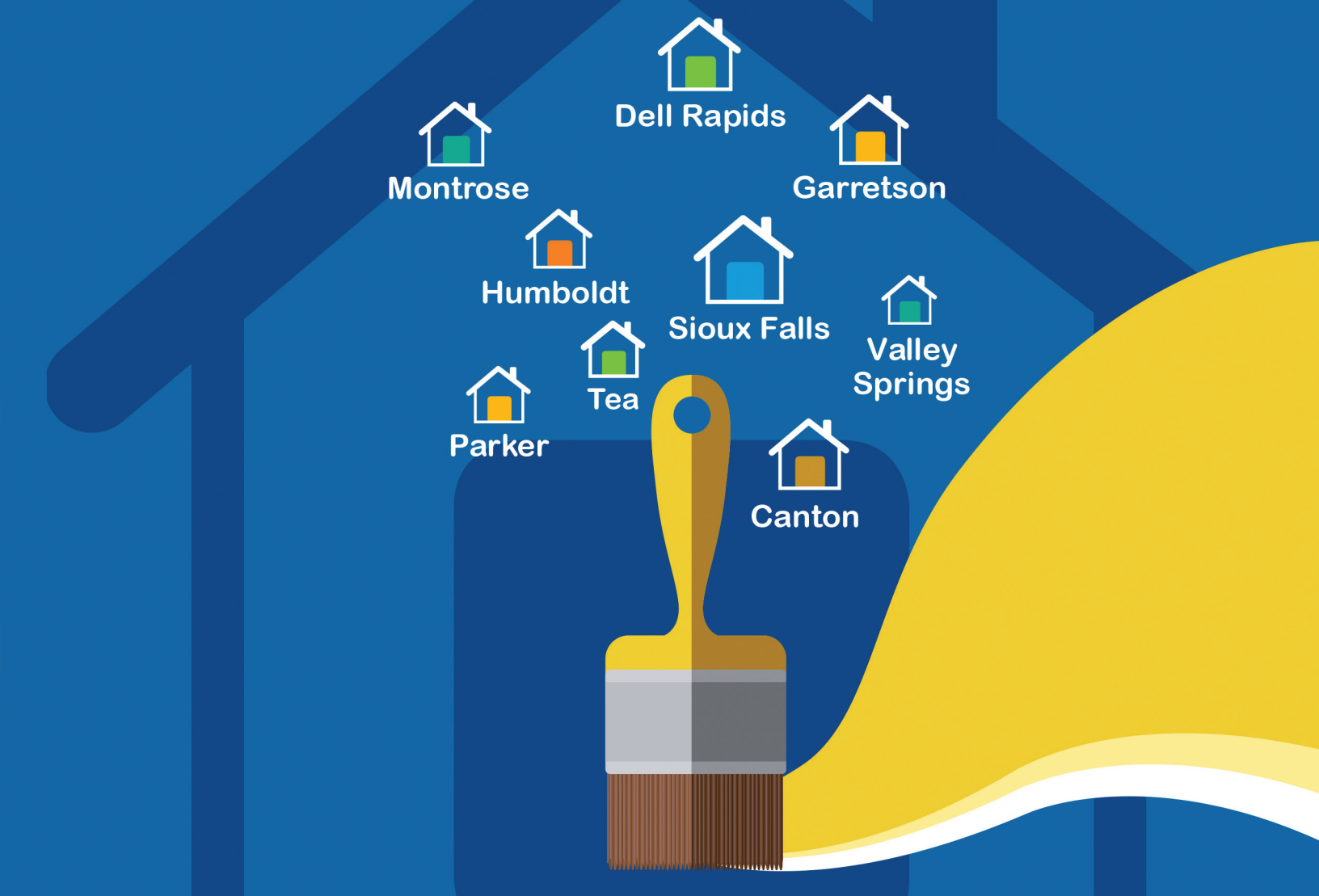

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Painting a home can be a tall task for anyone to undertake, especially for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. For these individuals, it would be impossible without help from family, friends and neighbors. Recently, Citi and the Helpline Center stepped in to help some of our community members who needed an extra hand.

SHEILA FROST
Valley Springs

> **It is beyond words what they have done for me!**

A few years ago, Sheila encountered some life-changing medical issues and is now on disability. Citi volunteers scrapped and painted her home, tended her lawn and power-washed her deck and patio furniture. Sheila loves being in her backyard, and is overjoyed with the results.

ROSIE PETERSON
Montrose

> **It is such a blessing to get the house done.**

Rosie, an elderly widow, wasn't able to fix up her house that had chipped paint, rotten siding and a broken window. Thanks to 20 Citi volunteers from the Montrose community, she can now take pride in the appearance of her house.

BONNIE HANSEN
Parker

> **They were a great bunch of volunteers and my house looks great!**

Bonnie, a retired teacher, lives in a highly trafficked area in Parker. Now, the whole community will be able to see the great work that Paint the Prairie provided. Volunteers trimmed trees that were falling on her deck and added a fresh coat of paint to her house.

JIM HUBER
Parker

> **Mr. Huber was one of my high school teachers, so this was a special project for me!**
> *Sharon, Citi employee and volunteer*

Jim, who taught for 42 years, wasn't able to keep up with his ongoing yard work. Citi volunteers not only painted this house, but they also cleaned gutters, cut down dead trees, trimmed bushes, mowed the lawn and installed a new garage door for him. During the transformation, many neighbors stopped by to comment on the great changes.

ARDYCE FOSSUM
Dell Rapids

> **Knowing that I made someone's day just a bit brighter is what I love about volunteering.**
> *Ruth Christopherson, Citi Community Development*

Between the loss of her husband and her own medical issues, Ardyce had trouble keeping up with her home. Citi volunteers completed minor repairs to her siding and scraped and painted her house. Ardyce and her neighbors treated the volunteers like family, and she was overwhelmingly appreciative.

MIKE & LISA MEINDERS
Garretson

> **It was a terrific experience and rewarding to see the joy on the homeowners' faces when we completed their project.**
> *Pete Randazzo, Citi Trust*

Mike and Lisa are a military couple who both have disabilities, and whose home needed repair. Citi volunteers worked diligently to fix rotten boards, and they scraped, primed and painted the home and garage. The Meinders were very appreciative of the help and worked right alongside the volunteers to get the job done.

MADONNA CRIST
Humboldt

> **The difference we made in her life was priceless – all we did was paint a garage, but you could tell it meant so much to her.**
> *Michelle, Citi volunteer*

Madonna had a detached two-car garage that needed repairs done to the siding and windows. The volunteers made the repairs and scraped and painted her garage to match her home. Even though it was just her garage, it made a big impact on her life.

DONALD KRAMER
Humboldt

> **We are all part of a community and as long as we live here, it should be our privilege to make it a better place.**
> *Gary Lang, Citi volunteer team leader*

Don is a veteran who proudly served our country. He is a meticulous man who works nights and doesn't have the time or the resources to repair his home. A group of volunteers, which included Ken Stork, Site President of Citibank - South Dakota, took time out of their busy schedules to scrape and paint Don's home and garage.

LEOTA REDENIUS
Humboldt

> **In the end, people who help others are receiving more than they are giving.**
> *Eve, Citi volunteer*

Leota is an elderly widow who is not able to get around well. She had an older garage in her backyard that she used for storage. It was in desperate need of scraping and a new coat of paint, and that's exactly what Citi volunteers did.

STELLA SUNDLING
Canton

> **We loved meeting her and being able to help out. The experience was so rewarding and fun.**
> *Danette Parmley, Citi volunteer team leader*

Stella is an energetic 100-year-old woman who still lives alone. Her home and garage have permanent siding, but the porch and trim needed new paint. In addition to the scraping, priming and painting, volunteers also cleaned Stella's downspouts.

BARRY W BURLESON
Canton

> **The volunteers had a lot of fun working together as a team.**
> *Diana Thomas, Citi volunteer team leader*

Barry is a gentleman who is on disability due to back problems. He is a go-getter, but unfortunately his back would not allow him to scrape and paint his home. Volunteers spent four days repairing the siding on his home, painting the house and helping with his yardwork.

LILLIAN WILSON
Dell Rapids

> **The smile on Lillian's face looking at her remodeled bathroom spoke a thousand words.**
> *Jeff Buller, Citi volunteer team leader*

Lillian is an elderly woman who needed home repairs done and her bathroom painted. Once on site, volunteers found that she needed more work done. They painted her front porch, repaired the railing on her back deck, and painted her bathroom. The lead volunteer also worked with a local contractor to install new windows in her home.

BOB GRAFF
Tea

> **The paint really brightened up things. I wouldn't have been able to do it on my own. Thank you so much!**

Bob is an elderly man who lives on his own. His home was in good shape, it just needed a fresh coat of paint as it was faded and weathered. The volunteers enjoyed Bob's engaging personality while they painted his house. He even baked them cookies and sang them a poetic song he wrote himself.

RON & DEBBY HOPKINS
Sioux Falls

> **It felt good to help someone and improve the look of the neighborhood. I can't wait for the next volunteer project.**
> *Barb, Volunteer*

Ron has had two stokes and is not able to paint the house due to his medical issues. His wife, Debby, is a school teacher in Tripp and is gone during the week. They live in a historic home and are glad to have the outside of their home match the interior beauty.

DIANNE DONOVAN
Sioux Falls

> **I really appreciated that the volunteers came out and painted my house! Members of our community have such a kind heart.**

Dianne is disabled and recently has had two knee surgeries. She had been off work for many months and does her best to get around. Without the physical ability or the funds to paint her home, Dianne was thankful for Paint the Prairie volunteers.

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