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"We have dreamed of owning a house since our first child [was born]." Family of Seven to Break Ground on New Habitat for Humanity House

Fountain, CO (November 3, 2017) – Sanford and Candace, and their five children (ages two to nine), share a room in Candace's grandmother's five-bedroom house. Six other family members live there, too. Unquestionably overcrowded, but their spirits overflow with joy because next summer they will be homeowners of a new house. A home large enough to hold their family, with a yard for their children, and a neighborhood full of kids.

Sanford and Candace also look forward to the financial freedom of not living paycheck to paycheck. With Habitat, families learn tactics for successful homeownership through classes on financial education, good neighbor relations, and maintaining their home not only as shelter for their family but as a newly-acquired asset. Pikes Peak Habitat has a 96% success rate of families keeping their homes, working with families to alleviate the challenges that arise in keeping a home.

Their home is this year's <u>Real Estate Build</u>, a partnership of real estate companies in El Paso County that financially sponsor and build this house.

The public is invited to attend the ground blessing of this house:

Event details: 10:00 AM, Friday, November 3, 2017. **Location:** 210 Red Finch Lane, Fountain, CO, 80817.

Directions from I-25:

- 1. Take exit 132A and turn east on Mesa Ridge Pkwy.
- 2. Take the US 85 ramp and turn right (south) onto US-85 S.
- 3. Turn left onto Comanche Village Drive and take the first right onto El Paso Street.
- 4. Take the first right onto Bunting Avenue, and then the first left onto Red Finch Lane. House will be at the end of the cul-de-sac on the right-hand side.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity builds affordable housing in El Paso County in partnership with the community and prospective homeowners. Partner families build their home alongside volunteers, and purchase their house with an affordable mortgage. Pikes Peak Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 152 families achieve homeownership in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.

About the Real Estate Build

The Real Estate Build is a project of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity that brings together real estate companies in El Paso County to financially sponsor and build a home. Participating companies to date are: Swift Results, Sellstate Alliance Realty, Berkshire Hathaway, Blue Ribbon Home Warranty/Colorado Peak Real Estate, Muldoon Associates, Pikes Peak Association of Realtors, Accent Realty & Renovations, Assurance Properties, Maverick Homes, and Property Partners Home Solutions.