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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Suffers Hail Damage in Fountain, Colorado

Fountain, CO (June 13, 2018) – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) is currently assessing the hail damage in its Country Living neighborhood in Fountain, Colorado. Baseball-size hail from last night's storm caused severe and widespread destruction in the community, including personal property and houses of Habitat homeowners. Along with homeowners' vehicles, the Habitat houses suffered extensive damage, particularly roofs, siding and windows.

As PPHFH determines next steps in the repairs needed, Executive Director and CEO Kris Medina said, "Mother Nature won this round. Habitat and the families will persevere." She also gratefully acknowledges the community's desire to help, and asks that individuals and groups refrain from going to directly to Country Living, but instead visit the website for details on how to offer support: <u>www.pikespeakhabitat.org</u>.

PPHFH is undoubtedly concerned for the families affected by this event and will offer assistance as much as possible to the homeowners who suffered property loss. PPHFH began construction of the 34-lot Country Living neighborhood in 2012. Sixteen families reside there as Habitat homeowners, four new homes were recently completed, and five more are presently under construction.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) seeks to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in the Pikes Peak Region. We build permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers. Partner families purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 153 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit <u>www.pikespeakhabitat.org</u> and follow us at <u>www.facebook.com/pikespeakhabitatforhumanity</u> or at <u>https://twitter.com/pphabitat</u>.