

#### SPRING 2017

Homeowner Highlight

# The Comforts of Home

When Amanda applied to Pikes Peak Habitat back in 2014, she knew that she had nothing to lose but so much to gain.

"We were living in my parents basement, and there wasn't enough room for all of us. I'm forever grateful for everything they did for my kids and me, but we were ready for own space."

While constructing her home and attending homeowner classes, Amanda worked side by side with volunteers and other future homeowners.



Amanda with Ariyanna (6), Javon (9) and Kayla (17)

## We were ready for own space.

"You get to meet others in your situation, and it was a great way to learn things about your home that you wouldn't know otherwise."

Since moving into their Habitat house, Amanda and her kids have settled right into the neighborhood. Javon likes to play basketball and ride bikes with the other kids, and Ariyanna has made a special friend of her own. Continued from Page 1

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In January, Cleo came into their home and their lives. She is a service dog for Ariyanna who suffers from seizures. Getting a dog was not something they could do in their previous place, and Cleo has become an important part of the family.

Being in their Habitat home has made it easier to spend time together as a family. "We have more bonding time. We can cook our meals and sit down together at the table instead of in front of the TV."



Newest family member Cleo (2)

I gained stability for my kids and independence for myself.

Kayla especially likes not having to go up a flight of stairs to do a load of laundry. "We just like being comfortable in our own space," Amanda continued, "not having to worry if we are being too loud."

When Amanda applied to Habitat she wanted to gain stability for her kids and independence for herself. Not only did she earn that, but now Amanda's children "will learn the importance of hard work, dedication and the rewards that come from it."

# Women Build Challenge 2017

Pikes Peak Habitat is proud to be a part of National Women Build Week May 6-14! With our longtime partner Lowe's, we are asking women to devote at least one day to building decent and affordable housing in their local communities.



Take the NWBW Challenge! Organize a team of five to fundraise at least \$250 (that's \$50 per individual) and volunteer during NWBW. All donations support the Women Build program at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers receive lunch and a NWBW t-shirt...and the team that raises the most \$\$ wins a gift from Lowe's!

No construction skills are necessary to participate in this year's project. To volunteer or donate, call Laura or Isaac at 719.475.7800 or email: laura@pikespeakhabitat.org or isaac@pikespeakhabitat.org Get your teams together. Space is limited!

## **Follow Our Progress**

Your support of Pikes Peak Habitat helps families achieve the dream of homeownership. Follow their progress here and on our website — from Ground Blessing to House Dedication for each family. And please thank these sponsors. With their help and yours, these families receive a hand-up, not a hand-out.

### Cristina and Saúl's Family

#### **Country Living**

Cristina and Saul had their Ground Blessing on November 19, 2016. They are expected to move in by fall of 2017.



"We feel truly blessed and honored.

- - Cristina

### Ramona's Family - Moved in!

#### **Country Living**

The Wickwar family celebrated their house dedication in February of 2017.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

-- Ramona

-- Sandra



## Sandra's Family- Moved in!

#### **Country Living**

deserve."

The Reves family were thrilled at their House Dedication on December 10, 2016!

"I would love to give my children

the stability and safety that they



## Habitat Family #152 - Moved in!

#### **Country Living**

"It's important to give back to the community that you live in, that you raise your family in."

-- Kevin Hart, Aspen View Homes



## Habitat Family #144 - Moved in!

#### **Country Living**

This family moved into their house in December of 2016!



### Mohamed & Jillian's Family- Moved in!

#### **Colorado Springs**

The El Boualaye family welcomed family and friends to their House Dedication on October 10, 2016!

"We want to thank you so much for the opportunity" -- Jillian



#### An Opportunity to BUILD COMMUNITY

We need your help to fill these spaces with families! Pikes Peak Habitat cannot build without the support of our community in the form of a sponsorship. We begin to build a house only when we know half of the construction costs are committed up front -\$75,000 of a house totaling \$150,000. If you, or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a Habitat house at any level, we want to talk with you. Please contact us at 719.475.7800 or office@pikespeakhabitat.org



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## habitat happenings

All events are open to the public.

#### Board of Directors meeting for Pikes Peak Habitat

Monday, May 1st @ 5:45 PM Colorado Springs City Hall 107 N. Nevada Ave., 2nd Floor

#### National Women Build Week May 6-14, 2017 For more information contact laura@pikespeakhabitat.org

or call (719) 475-7800 ext. 106

Lowe's Women Build Clinic April 21, 6:00-8:00 PM Lowe's; 4880 N Nevada Ave

#### Earth Day

April 22, 2017 Visit the **ReStore** to find new, gently used and reconditioned supplies for virtually any kind of project you have around your home or office.