

Homeowner Highlight

Something Old into Something New

Tress didn't want to apply for a Habitat home at first. It took a great deal of convincing from her brother Ben and his wife Cicely who were successful Habitat homeowners themselves.

But Tress knew sharing a room with her two daughters at her parent's house was taking its toll and decided that Habitat was the best option to gain stability and independence. "There was only one bathroom, and the girls needed their own rooms."

Her house was a recycled house sponsored by the ReStore.



Tress with her daughters Galactica (18) and Lamiya (11)

I knew it had potential.

"When I first toured the house, it needed a lot of work, new siding and new paint. Especially the porch, but it was my favorite part about the house. I knew it had potential."

After completing 10 homeowner classes and 350 hours of sweat equity, Tress and her daughters moved into their house in March of

2016. Tress is thrilled her wooden porch was able to be restored to its former state with a view of the mountains.

With an eye for transforming an old thing into something beautiful, Tress frequently finds inspiration from the ReStore. "I love the ReStore. You can find all kinds of stuff there." Tress even decorates her home with the DIY treasures she finds there. "I'll have the perfect idea and I'll head down to the ReStore."

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Tress's family at her House Dedication

Owning a Habitat house has made life more financially stable for Tress as she is able to save for college for her daughters. Taking after their creative mom, Galactica will be going away to school in the fall to major in dance/theater, and Lamiya has aspirations to become an art teacher.

Tress is glad she took the advice of her brother and thankful for Pikes Peak Habitat for the opportunity to own her home. "I've dreamt about this for so long."

How does the ReStore support Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity?

The ReStore is owned and operated by Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, and the proceeds generated by the store go directly back to Pikes Peak Habitat to be put to work in our local community.

How you can help?

Inventory changes often at the ReStore because much of the merchandise for sale comes from donations; what is for sale is based on what is donated. If you have been cleaning out your garage or are looking to replace your gently used furniture, the ReStore is the place for you to donate the items you are no longer using. Plus, your donation keeps those items out of the landfill. Last year, 1,190 tons of material were diverted from the landfill and found a new use at the ReStore.

For items you can donate, see our website pikespeakhabitat.org/restore or call our Donation Hotline, 719.667.0841 to schedule a pick up.

After donating to the ReStore, stick around to do a little shopping. Just as your donations provide the items that our store sells, your purchases provide the proceeds that go to building decent places to live right here in El Paso County.



Realtors partner with Pikes Peak Habitat

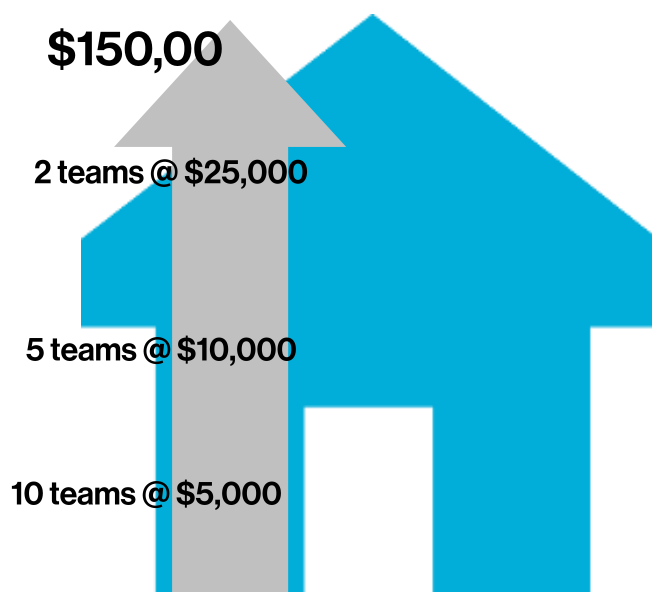
The Real Estate Industry knows how important homeownership is to families in El Paso County and thanks to a generous donation from **Swift Results, Inc.**, and other Real Estate entities, Pikes Peak Habitat has the foundation to start a Real Estate Build.

What does a Partnership entail?

Realtors, land-owners, property managers, title companies, builders, mortgage holders and mortgage lenders across El Paso County are invited to partner with Pikes Peak Habitat to financially sponsor a house for a local family. The sticks and bricks cost of construction for a Habitat house is \$150,000. The minimum financial commitment of sponsorship is \$5,000 (\$2,500 from brokerage and \$2,500 from a "team" within the brokerage company). We'll need a signed letter of partnership and also a point of contact.

Why Partner with Pikes Peak Habitat?

- You are building community with a hands-on project that helps a family achieve homeownership.
- Friendly competition, bragging rights, trophy and dinner for the winning "team".
- Media attention, name in media releases and on website, tax incentive and more.
- Use your talents, learn new skills and make a positive impact.
- Partner with others to make a transformative difference in the lives of families.



Interested in partnering?

Contact **Iain Probert**, iain@pikespeakhabitat.org or call 719.475.7800 ext. 105.

Thank you to our sponsors:



Pikes Peak Habitat Welcomes Iain Probert



As the new Director of Development for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, Iain Probert is responsible for Pikes Peak Habitat's resource development program, which includes fundraising, volunteer management, marketing and communications. As a senior member of the leadership team, Probert develops and oversees the affiliate's philanthropic strategic vision in conjunction with the organization's long term vision for community impact.

Prior to joining Pikes Peak Habitat, Probert was an executive for both the Space Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America in Colorado Springs, Colorado. At the Space Foundation, Probert began his tenure as Director of Development rising to the role of Vice President – Education and Discovery where he led the organization's space-themed science, technology, engineering and mathematics (S-STEM) education endeavors.

With the Pikes Peak Boy Scouts of America and its affiliate Learning for Life organization, Probert rose through the ranks of the council from an entry level fundraising, membership and volunteer management role, to the Director of Support Services, a position that had oversight for strategic partnerships, corporate philanthropy, communications, property supervision and risk management. He earned a Master of Business Administration from the International Space University, Strasbourg, France.

Letter from a Board Member: Martha Johnson



Martha with her Spring Break group

I first became acquainted with Habitat for Humanity as a very naïve junior in college at Temple University in 2002. My dear friend invited me to go on an alternative spring break trip to Georgia to build a home for Habitat.

I agreed to the trip mostly just to hang out with my friend. While I had expected to maybe learn how to hammer some nails or do some painting, I had no idea what a life changing week that would be. While I did learn how to hammer, paint, even lay tile, I also learned what Habitat does. Habitat transforms communities by providing affordable housing and getting families into homes with a mortgage. Families who receive homes not only are responsible for the mortgage but also have to contribute sweat equity – joining volunteers to physically help build their future home.

That week I got to meet homeowners, Habitat staff and other students. I can honestly say that that week opened my eyes to this amazing organization. Once I graduated I frequently volunteered with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. When I moved to Colorado Springs a few years later I sought out Habitat to see how I could help. Now, 10 years later, I have worked on numerous sites, served on the Development Committee and recently joined the board. The work of Habitat in our community is even more important now as we see rising housing costs and population growth. I am honored to be a very small part of the team that works tirelessly to build affordable homes and quite literally change lives in our area.

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. With their help *and yours*, these families receive a hand-up, not a hand-out.

Cristina and Saúl's Family

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Cristina and Saúl began work on their home with a Ground Blessing on November 19, 2016.

Their House Dedication will be in August. Watch for the date on our website!



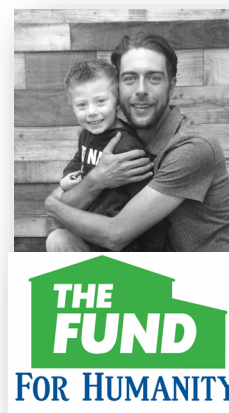
Shaun's Family

Country Living

Shaun and Elliott will celebrate their Ground Blessing on July 13, 2017. Please join us!

"I'm not doing this for me; this is for my son, Elliott."

-- Shaun



Patricia's Family

Country Living

Come meet Patricia at her Ground Blessing on July 13, 2017.

Habitat mortgage payments go into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" that is used to build more homes.



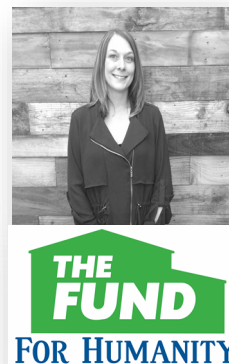
Jamie's Family

Country Living

Jamie and her two kids will have their ground blessing in late summer of 2017.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity. Thank you."

--Jamie



Thanks to a grant from Colorado Technical University, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity homeowners, employees, and their eligible family members, may be eligible to receive a 25% tuition grant towards a college education at Colorado Technical University (CTU). To learn more visit our website: pikespeakhabitat.org/ctu.



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habitat happenings

All events are open to the public.

Pikes Peak Habitat Board of Directors meeting

Monday, August 7 at 5:45 pm.
Colorado Springs City Hall
107 N. Nevada Ave., 2nd Floor

Ground Blessing for Shaun's Family

Thursday, July 13 at 9:30 am.
207 Red Finch Ln
Fountain, CO 80817

Ground Blessing for Patricia's Family

Thursday, July 13 at 10:00 am.
211 Red Finch Ln
Fountain, CO 80817

Karma Hour at Bristol Brewery

Tuesday, September 12
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm.
1604 S. Cascade Ave.

\$1 for every pint sold goes to Pikes Peak Habitat.