“Having a safe place for my son to grow was important to me.” Liz and her three-year-old son Hayden were feeling cooped up in a studio apartment when Liz applied to be a homeowner with Pikes Peak Habitat. “Hayden and I shared a bed and there was no yard for him to play.” Liz, born in Oklahoma, moved around and did not have a stable home growing up. “I wanted my son to grow and play in a permanent home because I didn’t have that.”

After Liz was accepted into the program, she started work on completing her “sweat equity” hours. “It was a lot of fun learning how to build a house and work with the volunteers,” Liz said, “They were great. I want to thank them for what they do.”

Since being in her house, Liz has made a lot of progress with the backyard. “We put in a vegetable garden and last year grew green beans, strawberries and zucchinis.” Next season, Liz plans on expanding the garden, putting in more vegetables and also start canning and preserving.

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Wanting to be more sustainable, Liz hatched an idea to build a chicken coop in the backyard.

“I used what I learned on the construction site to build it,” she explains, “even going as far as recycling some scraps that were going to be thrown out to make the roof for the coop.”

The chickens not only provide fresh, organic eggs for them, but they are also a valuable learning tool for Hayden “The chickens are Hayden’s responsibility,” Liz adds. “He takes good care of them, feeds them scratch and mealworms. He helps clean out the coop, too.”

Liz and Hayden have been in their home for over a year now and already they are putting down roots and making it their own. As Liz puts it, “I want him to come back in 20 years and know that this is the neighborhood where he grew up.”

Pikes Peak Habitat works just around the corner from you, but we also support work across the U.S. and around the world. From May 20-28, 2017, Pikes Peak Habitat will be sending a team of volunteers to build a home with Habitat in Trinidad and Tobago. If you love volunteering and you love traveling – we want you to join us!

This trip to Trinidad and Tobago offers more than just the opportunity to swing a hammer. Participants will experience the country like a local, with the locals.

Join Pikes Peak Habitat on this Global Village trip and support Habitat’s ongoing homebuilding efforts. Though your personal trip may last for a week, your financial, emotional and physical contributions can be life-changing for both those in the communities where you work and in your own life for years to come.

To learn how you can participate in this exciting opportunity, contact trip co-leader Caitlin Curry by email caitlin@pikespeakhabitat.org or call (719) 475-7800 ext. 109

Global Village 2017

Hayden and the chickens

Feathering the Nest

I used what I learned on the construction site to build it.
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 winter of 2017

“We feel truly blessed and honored.

- -Cristina

Ramona’s Family

Country Living
The Wickwar family will have their house dedication in February of 2017.

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

-- Ramona

Sandra’s Family- Moved in!

Country Living
The Reyes family had their House Dedication on December 10, 2016!

“I would love to give my children the stability and safety that they deserve.”

-- Sandra

Habitat Family #152

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 had 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 Development Director Andy Petersen at 719.475.7800 x105 or andy@pikespeakhabitat.org.

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