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"This is like winning the lottery. We wouldn't be able to buy a home without your help."

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Groundbreaking
Of First Annual "Veteran Home Build" for Local Veteran

Fountain, CO (December 2, 2017) – Rick is a father of five, grandfather of six, and has been a single father since 2008. Currently, he and his twin daughters, Jasmine and Joslyn (age 12), live in a non-profit subsidized rental apartment. Originally from Michigan, Rick moved to Colorado Springs in 1974 and served until 1979 in the US Army as a CO (commanding officer) driver with the Fort Carson infantry.

For the past few years, Rick and his daughters have been searching for a *forever home*. He was overjoyed to be selected as a future homeowner with Habitat, and is looking forward to building and purchasing his own home. Jasmine and Joslyn are already thinking about colors to paint their room, and picking out flowers to put in their garden.

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is grateful to our veterans for their service, and we are committed to supporting them in their housing needs. This year marks our first annual Veteran Home Build sponsored by Mountain Country 107.3 FM/1530 AM.



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

EVENT DETAILS:

Time and Date: 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 2, 2017. **Location:** 219 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 on the left-hand side toward the end of the cul-de-sac.

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 Mountain Country 107.3 FM/1530 AM

KQSC Mountain Country 107.3/1530 is a locally owned country music radio station in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The family owned and operated station prides itself on being locally focused on the Pikes Peak Region, with an AM/FM reach of about 1.5 million people. Mountain Country is the only Red Dirt country station in Colorado, with a format that stays true to country, from the music played to the original news and talk content. Find out more at www.mymountaincountry.com.

About the Veteran Home Build

Pikes Peak Habitat's Veteran Home Build helps qualified veterans build and purchase their own home with an affordable mortgage. Habitat builds quality homes to accommodate the veterans' needs. This year's sponsor is Mountain Country 107.3 FM and 1530 AM. Additional community partners include Red Leg Brewing Company, The Home Depot Foundation and Veterans United Home Loans.

About The Home Depot Foundation

<u>The Home Depot Foundation</u> is a 501c3 committed to improving the homes and lives of U.S. veterans and their families with a specific focus on combat-wounded, senior and homeless veterans. The foundation also provides clean-up and rebuilding support for communities affected by natural disasters. Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested approximately \$213 million in veteran-related projects, part of the foundation's quarter of a billion dollar pledge to veteran-related causes by 2020. In partnership with Team Depot, the 400,000-strong army of associate volunteers, the organization has positively impacted more than 34,500 veterans' homes and helped more than 3,700 communities. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation and see Team Depot in action, visit homedepot.com/teamdepot and follow us on Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram @teamdepot and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/teamdepot.

About Veterans United Home Loans

At Veterans United of Colorado Springs, we work hard to understand and respond to the unique homebuying needs of Veterans and military families in Colorado. Our dedication to service has earned us a reputation as one of the nation's top VA mortgage lenders. Military Advisors, top retired senior enlisted leaders from each branch of our Armed Forces, travel the nation to educate servicemen and women about the powerful VA home loan benefit. By sharing their more than 100 combined years of expertise, our Military Advisors help us build a VA home loan process that better serves military homebuyers. To learn more about Veterans United Home Loans visit coloradosprings.veteransunited.com/.