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*“Me and my son can finally have a place to call home.”*

***Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Ground Blessing for New Family***

Fountain, CO (September 30, 2017) – Sonia and her son Alex live in a rental house where flooding occurs during heavy rains -- “quite a few scary experiences,” Sonia adds -- and the furnace doesn’t always work, forcing Sonia to use portable heaters to keep Alex and herself warm in the winter.

Sonia was recently accepted as a Pikes Peak Habitat family partner, and having started building on her new home (which she will purchase with an affordable mortgage), she is looking forward to owning a home “where we can be safe and [where I will] be able to relax after long days at work.”

Sonia will help build her house alongside volunteers. Each Habitat house is 90% volunteer-built, making it that much more affordable for families like Sonia’s. Building costs average \$150,000 per house, and Pikes Peak Habitat relies on sponsorships, donations, grants, ReStore proceeds (PPHFH’s home improvement store/donation center), community partner resources, and our *Fund for Humanity* (a program that uses the principal revenue from Habitat mortgage payments to support building more homes).

Sonia is “looking forward to having a place...to call home.” They also have two four-legged family members -- Dino (dachshund) and Charlie (Labrador) – and she adds, “We will no longer have to worry about where we will go if our lease ends, [or] if we can bring our furry family members with us.” No doubt their house will be one of comfort.

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

**Event details:** 11:30 AM, Saturday, September 30, 2017.

**Location:** 215 Red Finch Lane, Fountain, CO.

**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 at the end of the cul-de-sac.

**About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity**

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing in the Pikes Peak Region by building decent and affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homeowners. Partner families purchase their house with affordable fixed-term rate mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 152 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit [www.pikespeakhabitat.org](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org).

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