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Homeowner Highlight:

Model Parents, Model Homeowners

No excuses.

That's what Natacha Ramos and her husband, Jean Kindelan, tell their daughters. No excuses.

Their family moved from Cuba in 2009. Jean is a custodian at Hunt Elementary; Natacha is a teacher's assistant at Fremont Elementary, both in Colorado Springs School District 11.

Having family here in the United States allowed them to immigrate and make their way to El Paso County to escape the poor conditions of the Cuban health

care system. "It is very bad there. During the rains, mosquitos transmit Dengue Fever. We were all very sick. They would work on

one patient and move to the next without washing their hands because of no water," Natacha said.

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They also knew they could get a job here and have the opportunity to buy a house, but it wouldn't be easy. "Our family said you can have the 'American Dream' but you will have to work hard to get it. We came here prepared to work."

They did. And it paid off in March 2012 when they accepted the keys to their Habitat home.

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The Kindelan-Ramos family in front of their Habitat home.



Jean is building a garage in their back yard.

No Excuses

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"We have a house. Now we are working hard on it. What we save every month, we can build onto our house." Since moving in, they have added a patio cover, designed their front yard and painted the interior. Jean isn't done yet. Currently, he is in the process of building a garage!

I'm not less of a person.

In addition to their full-time employment, Jean also works part-time as a meat cutter while Natacha is a student learning medical terminology to assist in the medical field. According to Natacha, "We want to be a model for our kids. If they complain, I tell them I go to school and have to get good grades. And I work, too. My husband works two jobs and is adding on to the house. No excuses!"



The newly covered patio has been a popular place for the Kindelan-Ramos children to play.

Buying a Habitat home has perpetuated an already strong work ethic in other areas of their lives. They have not taken anything for granted. "My husband and I can have a career, just like any American. Not just a 'Latino' job. I can go to school and work like any American woman. I'm not less of a person."

Jean volunteered for Pikes Peak Habitat before eventually applying for a home. They are both appreciative of the donors and volunteers who helped them get into their home. Natacha summed it up by saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you times 20!"

Corporate Sponsors Needed

You can see on the chart to the right, we've had an exciting summer and fall with four House Deductions. That is great news! We want to have four more. Currently, with five active work sites, we know the need is still great and there are many more families we want to serve.

Every time Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHfH) builds a home, it is like committing to a mini capital campaign. Each house can cost between \$110,000 and \$140,000 to build. *Before we commit to building a home*, we must have half of the potential costs up front. One way of doing this is to seek those willing to become a sponsor or co-sponsor. We have varying levels of sponsorships with appropriate recognition and opportunities to work on the house construction.





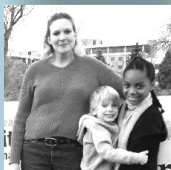





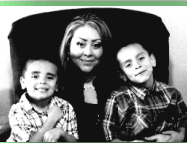




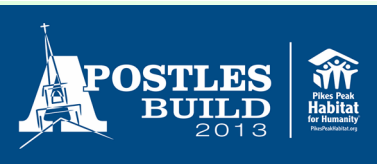


If you are, or know of, a potential sponsor (business or church) we want to talk with you. Please contact Andy Petersen, Development Director, at 719.475.7800 x5 or andy@pikespeakhabitat.org.



Follow Our Progress

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As a partner of Pikes Peak Habitat, we are accountable to you. Your support helps deserving families get into a permanent home. Below, you can see the projects we are currently working on. In the chart, please follow our progress — from Ground Blessing to Dedication — for each family. We encourage you to thank our sponsors. With their help — and yours — we can impact these families.

FAMILY	LOCATION	GROUND BLESSING	EXPECTED COMPLETION	DEDICATION	SPONSOR
	BRAGG FAMILY Country Living	9/21/12	Moved in: September 22, 2013		 Improving homes. Improving lives.
	MANTEI FAMILY Country Living	11/3/12	Moved in: September 22, 2013		 Improving homes. Improving lives.
	IRELAND FAMILY Downtown Colorado Springs	11/5/12	Moved in: September 6, 2013		 CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
	BURNS FAMILY Country Living	11/3/12	Moved in: October 6, 2013		 Improving homes. Improving lives.
	STRAND FAMILY Woodmen Vistas	3/10/13	October 2013	November 2013	 Thrivent® Builds
	BENAVIDEZ FAMILY Downtown Colorado Springs	4/13/13	December 2013	TBD	 CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
	KLEINE FAMILY Woodmen Vistas	7/8/13	February 2014	TBD	 Bike & Build
	WIGGINS FAMILY Woodmen Vistas	8/11/13	August 2014	TBD	 POSTLES BUILD 2013 Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity PikesPeakHabitat.org
	FICKLE FAMILY Country Living	8/18/13	August 2014	TBD	 Improving homes. Improving lives.



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Happenings at Habitat:

Volunteer at the ReStore

Have you considered volunteering at Pikes Peak Habitat's ReStore? The ReStore is a building supply store whose proceeds benefit Habitat. The retail store needs your help in several areas including: **receiving donations; pricing inventory; stocking inventory; cashiering; store maintenance; and store organizing.** Please contact Martha Lewis at 719.667.0840 ext 303 or volunteer@habitatrestorepp.com to get started!

Future Builds

Since 1986, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has been building homes for those in need. *We anticipate this need will continue to grow.* One way to ensure your legacy in our region is to include Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in your estate plan. When you evaluate your will, we ask for three things: Make sure your family needs are taken care of.

Please remember to include the following in your estate plan:

Name: **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**

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Please call and tell us!

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Petersen, Development Director at 719.475.4800 ext 5 or andy@pikespeakhabitat.org.

We would enjoy hearing from you!