# Coming Home

Family First

### Homeowner Highlight

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Marcia's dad was a fireman. Injured on the job in the days before workman's comp, the family struggled. But family came first.

"He always made sure we had food to eat and a warm bed to come home to," Marcia said. "He taught us about responsibility. Make your house payment, buy your food and pay your bills."

Marcia has a picture of her dad on display in her living room.

Marcia grew up and went into the world of finance. In 1990, a disgruntled client ran Marcia over with a car and she became permanently disabled. In an instant, life got harder and she ended up living in an old, dilapidated house with little insulation.

However, that ingrained sense of "family first" caused

Marcia to help raise her granddaughter, Azjia (pronounced like "Asia"). In 2007, Marcia adopted her. "Living in Stratton Meadows, we were close to the noise of the freeway. Crime was rampant. A murder had taken place a few doors down from us. I knew gangs and drugs were rampant at the schools," Marcia explained.

# He taught us about responsibility.

Wanting to find a better environment for her granddaughter,

FALL 2014

Marcia applied for a house from Pikes Peak Habitat. They moved into their Woodmen Vistas home in January 2012.

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# Family First

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Along with help from Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Marcia applied her financial background and was able to get out of debt and buy a car, adding, "It feels good to have some extra money."

By moving to NE Colorado Springs, Marcia changed churches. She is now attending Our Lady of the Pines in Black Forest, only to find out that

We love it here!

volunteers from her newfound church helped build her house.

Marcia wanted the best for Azjia and it paid off – she is now doing well in school. And "family first" came back to help Marcia. "My (older) grandson says with pride that he helped build his grandma's house!"



Marcia enjoys sitting on her front porch and watching the sun set over her neighborhood.

Now, Marcia can say with confidence that she is at peace. "I wouldn't trade it for anything. We love it here! It's our own little sanctuary."



# Helping Habitat: Cars for Homes

David and Kathy Fundarek appreciate the mission of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHfH). They have been donating and volunteering to Pikes Peak Habitat for over 10 years. Every week they volunteer on the Thrivent Builds House.

Though they weren't actively looking for a new way to give, David saw an advertisement in the newsletter for *Cars for Homes*, an opportunity to donate a car so that the proceeds benefit PPHfH. "I checked it out online. It was quick and easy. Took all of five minutes. Cleaning the car took longer," David said.

They had such a positive experience that they donated *two* cars! A 1998 Plymouth Breeze and a 1988 Dodge van.

The Fundareks recommend to anyone who has the ability to donate a vehicle to help PPHfH to do so. As David said, "It was a very easy process!"

To learn more about *Cars for Homes*, please look online at <u>www.pikespeakhabitat.org/give/cars-for-homes</u>.



# **Follow Our Progress**

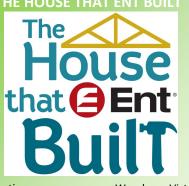
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Location: Ground Blessing: House Dedication:

Woodmen Vistas ing: August 11, 2013 ation: August 10, 2014 HOUSE #1271

### THE HOUSE THAT ENT BUILT



Location: Ground Blessing: Expected Completion House Dedication Woodmen Vistas April 3, 2014 December 2014 TBD

#### DAVIS FAMILY

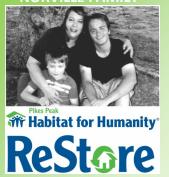


### Bike & Build

Location: Ground Blessing: Expected Completion: House Dedication: Woodmen Vistas July 2, 2014 March 2015 TBD



Location:Country LivingGround Blessing:October 20, 2013House Dedication:September 21, 2014HOUSE#128



Location: Ground Blessing: Expected Completion: House Dedication: Colorado Springs April 21, 2014 March 2015 TBD



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Location:Woodmen VistasGround Blessing:March 16, 2014Expected CompletionDecember 2014House DedicationTBD

#### **RAMOS/ESQUERRA FAMILY**



ReStore Colorado

Location: Ground Blessing: Expected Completion: House Dedication: Colorado Springs April 27, 2014 March 2015 TBD

## Habitat Happenings: Transitions

The next time you call to volunteer on one of these houses, you will have a new voice on the other end of the line. Ashley McIntyre is the newest addition to our Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity team! Since leading service groups at a young age, her passion for understanding people, cultures, and community has only grown. Ashley spent the last two years working with nonprofits in Colorado Springs. She loves biking the greenway, shopping at farmer's markets, and the Colorado sunshine. We are excited to have her as a part of the Habitat mission in her new role as Volunteer and Safety Coordinator!





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#### Prayer:

We always need help from above.

#### Donate:

Use the enclosed envelope or go online to pikespeakhabitat.org/give/.

#### **Enterprise Zone:**

Find out how to receive a 25% tax credit on your Colorado State taxes by going to pikespeakhabitat.org/give/enterprise-zone/.

#### **Community Giving:**

Through Pikes Peak United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign (#58519). Matching Gift:

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Call for details.

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Donate at the ReStore; 411 S. Wahsatch, Colorado Springs, **719.667.0840**. Cars for Homes:

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