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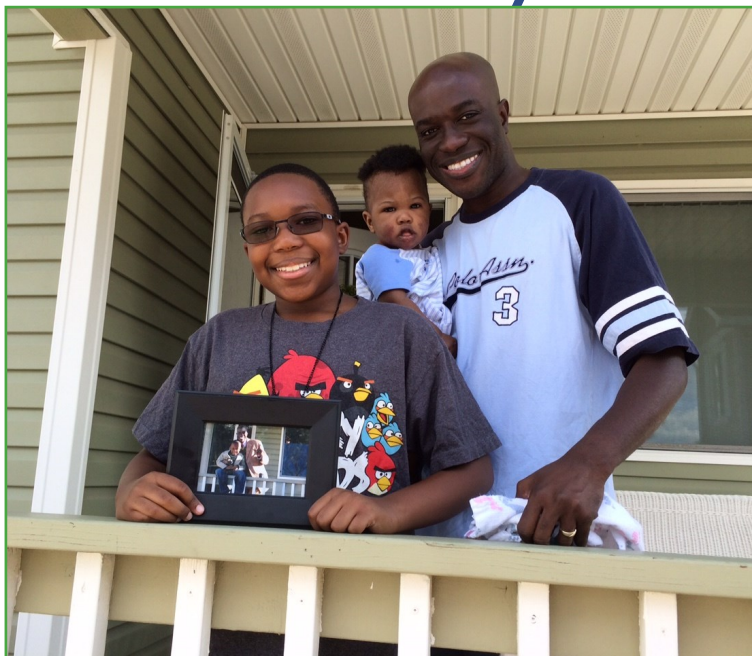
## Homeowner Highlight

# “A Role Model for My Son”

“My purpose in life is to give my son something I never had – a father,” Shen Campbell told the judge. The fight for custody of his son, Jeremiah, had become a “whirlwind of disaster”.

This ordeal started in 2005 when Shen’s marriage deteriorated. A native of Brooklyn, he moved to Colorado Springs in 2007 to get a fresh start. Meanwhile, Jeremiah did not want to visit his mother in Florida, but a court order required him to do so.

When Shen’s son failed to return at the appointed time, Shen got in the car (at risk of losing his job) and drove from Colorado to Florida to get him back. “God, I’m trusting You,” he prayed. After he arrived, Shen didn’t even know where to start looking, so he went to the sheriff’s office. Not knowing Shen, or the situation, they were not about to help.



Jeremiah holds a picture from their house dedication.

“I needed to make a stand,” Shen continued. He made his case and finally they agreed to help. What normally would have taken weeks, happened in a matter of hours.

*“God, I’m trusting You.”*

They found Jeremiah on a military base. Upon seeing his father, he ran across the street into Shen’s waiting arms. Jeremiah

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# A Role Model for My Son

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kept saying, "I don't have to come back here again." The sheriff was moved to tears at the sight of the reunion.



Shen and his sons, Jeremiah and Dylan

Months later and standing before the judge deciding custody and child support, Shen was determined to be the father for Jeremiah that Shen never had, and affirmed, "I want to be a role model for my son." Seeing the love of this father, the judge awarded Shen sole custody of his son.

An employee at Memorial Hospital, Shen has had extraordinary support from the staff. One encouraged him to apply for a Habitat house. Knowing Jeremiah's fondness for Spiderman, a physician donated a bedroom set just before closing on their home.

Shen and Jeremiah moved into their new Habitat house on Christmas Eve in 2007. Their joy was uncontainable. That night, in his boy's room amongst all-things-Spiderman, Shen held Jeremiah close in his arms. "I held a little bit of heaven."

Since moving into their home, Shen has remarried and was blessed in this new family with a step-daughter and a newborn boy.

"I want to be a dad the right way. I can sacrifice my desires for my family. I owe all my blessings to God. I'm grateful."

*"I needed to make a stand."*

**Fund for Humanity:**

## Paying it Forward



The Mulitauopele Family

Eleven years ago, the Mulitauopele family moved into their Habitat house. Since then, Gabe and Tori have put a lot of effort and hard work into their home – installed hardwood floors, changed the cabinets, added fencing, enhanced the landscaping – and made a stable home life for their family.

Not only did the house see improvements over those years, but the family has reaped success, too. Gabe and Tori raised their children in this home, and because the home was affordable through Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, it allowed three of their seven children to graduate from college. "We are forever grateful!"

Now they have moved back to California and sold their Colorado Springs home. Their story doesn't end there. When the house sold, the balance of the mortgage due was paid to PPHFH, allowing us to build another house for

another family. Typically, Habitat mortgage payments (and in this case, the mortgage balance) goes into a revolving "Fund for Humanity" that is used to build more homes. The Mulitauopeles have paid it forward in raising their children and seeing their achievements, and now they are paying it forward to another family that will experience a greater self-sufficiency as homeowners. Gabe adds, "I am truly happy that another family will be blessed like we were."



# Follow Our Progress

Your support of Pikes Peak Habitat helps deserving families get into a permanent home. We are accountable to you. These are your success stories as much as they are ours. Follow our progress here and on our website — from Ground Blessing to House Dedication — for each family. Please thank these sponsors. With their help — *and yours* — these families receive a hand-up, not a hand-out. For more information about these and other Pikes Peak Habitat families, go online to:

[www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families).

**Moved in!**



**CRISMAN FAMILY**




**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** February 5, 2015  
**House Dedication:** September 11, 2015  
**HOUSE #134**


**Moved in!**

**FAMILY OF PROSPER & CHANTAL**

**Location:** Colorado Springs  
**Ground Blessing:** January 31, 2015  
**House Dedication:** September 27, 2015  
**HOUSE #135**



**BERRYMAN FAMILY**



**Pope Francis Build**



**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** April 25, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** December 12, 2015  
**House Dedication:** December 12, 2015

**THE FAMILY OF EMMANUEL & ESTELI**


**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** April 27, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** Winter 2016  
**House Dedication:** TBD

**WIGGINS FAMILY**

**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** May 31, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** Winter 2016  
**House Dedication:** TBD


**WILLIAMS FAMILY**



**Bike & Build**

**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** July 5, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** Winter 2016  
**House Dedication:** TBD

**THE NGO FAMILY**



**Thrivent Builds**  
 with Habitat for Humanity®

**Location:** Woodmen Vistas  
**Ground Blessing:** October 25, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** Spring 2016  
**House Dedication:** TBD

**An Opportunity to BUILD COMMUNITY**

We need your help to fill these two spaces with families! Pikes Peak Habitat cannot build without the support of our community in the form of a sponsorship. We don't begin to build a house until we know half of the construction costs are committed up front. That means \$75,000 of a house totaling \$150,000. If you, or someone you know, would be 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](mailto:andy@pikespeakhabitat.org).

**Help us BUILD COMMUNITY today!**



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## HABITAT Happenings

*All events listed here are open to the public and we encourage you to attend!*

### GROUND BLESSING

**The Ngo Family**

***Sponsored by Thrivent Financial***

Sunday, October 25th

### #GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1, 2015

A global day dedicated to giving back.

You can also use this day to schedule your *Colorado Gives Day* donations for Dec. 8 online at [www.coloradogives.org/pikespeakhabitat](http://www.coloradogives.org/pikespeakhabitat).

### COLORADO GIVES DAY

December 8, 2015

An annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado to "give where you live" through online giving. More than a quarter million of our Colorado neighbors do not have access to decent affordable housing. Donate to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, then take a picture of yourself and your coworkers in your PJs and share it on *#pjpledge* as a reminder that everyone deserves a safe place to lay their head at night.

### MEETINGS

**Pikes Peak Habitat Board of Directors**

1st Monday of the Month at 5:45pm

Colorado Springs City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue, 2nd Floor