

Freedom and Opportunity

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The fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989 is symbolic of freedom in the modern world. For Peter and Galina Korniyenko, however, freedom came in October 1990 when they immigrated to Colorado Springs.

Devout Christians, Peter and Galina experienced severe religious oppression and persecution in the former Soviet Union. Christians met in private homes with closed windows and locked doors. A member of the Committee for State Security (KGB) put Galina, pregnant with their fourth child, in jail to question her and her beliefs.



Peter and Galina Korniyenko:
Home for nearly 20 years.

Peter said, "On the street, they (the KGB) were all smiles, saying they just had a few questions. In jail, they were..." Peter could not finish and just shook his head. "They referred to the Bible as 'dynamite!'"

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"I pray to God to help me and my wife and family," Peter said. One of the Bibles they had hidden had "Colorado Springs" imprinted on it and he was determined to move there.



Peter and Galina show visitors where they came from the former Soviet Union.

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Peter and Galina hold a picture of their family taken one month before they moved to the United States.

In October 1990, they moved here with their nine children, basking in a world of true freedom and opportunity. Peter often worked two jobs as a chef, including at the Broadmoor, Cheyenne Mountain Resort and now at the Garden of the Gods Country Club.

A turning point came in 1992 when Chapel of our Saviour sponsored them to get into a home from Pikes Peak Habitat. "Janet Hurst was our family partner," Peter said. The house was located near Penrose Hospital and moved to its current location on the west side.

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"The tires blew out while crossing the bridge on Bijou." Eventually, the house completed a three-mile, 14-hour move. Peter and Galina walked every step with their house to its new location.

Today, in semi-retirement, Peter enjoys fixing and updating his home. "It is a big present from God," he said. Galina says Peter is a bit of a workaholic, but that hard work has its benefits. Having lived in their Habitat home for 20 years this May, they are near paying off their entire mortgage. The Korniyenkos enjoy the freedom of fellowship at Slavic Bible Church.

Permanent homeownership also allowed them to "give back." Since moving to the United States and into a Habitat home, the Korniyenkos were able to sponsor two more families from Russia into Habitat homes – Galina's sisters!

To donors, volunteers and sponsors of Pikes Peak Habitat, Peter said, "I am grateful to the United States of America, and I say thank you very much."

A New Beginning

Pikes Peak Habitat has seven houses left to build (one is already under construction with two more scheduled this summer) in our 37-lot development called *Woodmen Vistas*. The need for affordable housing won't end when we finish the last house there, so we purchased another 34 lots at *Country Living* in Fountain. Last year the



Home Depot Foundation generously sponsored the first six houses there, and so we began a new Habitat neighborhood. On September 26, 2012, a swarm of 400+ Home Depot employees spent one day building these houses, sheds and fences. Three families have already been selected for homes there. Not a bad start for this neighborhood. These homes should be completed later this year, and these families will have the opportunity to have a more stable life in their new homes.

















Follow Our Progress

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As a partner of Pikes Peak Habitat, we want to be 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, you will see the family, the Ground Blessing date, an expected completion date, a Dedication date and a sponsor.

We encourage you to thank our sponsors. Without their help — and yours — we could not impact these families.

Location And Family	Ground Blessing	Expected Completion	Dedication	Sponsor
Country Living				
The Bragg Family 	9/21/12	July 2013	TBD	
The Mantei Family 	11/3/12	August 2013	TBD	
The Burns Family 	12/10/12	October 2013	TBD	
Downtown Colorado Springs				
The Ireland Family 	11/5/12	August 2013	TBD	
The Benavidez Family 	4/13/13	September 2013	TBD	
Woodmen Vistas				
The Strand Family 	3/10/13	December 2013	TBD	
The Kleine Family 	TBD	February 2014	TBD	



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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:

1. Make sure your family needs are taken care of.
2. Please remember to include the following in your estate plan:
Name: **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**
IRS Designation: **501(c)(3)**
Tax ID Number: **35-1640064**
3. 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!