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Landmark

Seventeen Years of Leadership

After 17 years as Executive Director for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHfH), Paul Johnson officially announced his retirement effective July 2014.

Paul will leave a legacy of innovation and progress through programs that brought significant growth in providing permanent affordable housing in El Paso County. He has been instrumental in the construction of 100 Habitat homes and counting.

Paul says that 17 years ago, “We had a humble beginning. I was the first paid staff with an office in a condo (which later became a home for a family). We had very little money and had weekly finance meetings to determine what building materials we could purchase for the next week.”

So much has happened in 17 years and when asked, Paul says he has had so many milestones and achievements to be proud of, but a few stand out. The start of the ReStore, which to date has supported the completion of 32 homes. Becoming a United Way Partner Agency.



Paul Johnson, Executive Director, will retire in July and leave a legacy of building 100 homes for Pikes Peak Habitat.

We had a humble beginning.

Several “blitz builds” with Bike and Build, Apostles Build, Thrivent Builds, Women Builds, Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust. The development of entire neighborhoods – one at Woodmen Vistas with 37 homes, and one at Country Living in Fountain which, when completed, will have 34 Habitat homes.

Seventeen years ago PPHfH dedicated its
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Seventeen Years of Leadership

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One of his many duties, Paul leads a House Dedication ceremony.

25th home. This month, April 2014, PPHfH home number 125 will be dedicated. A true milestone accomplished for Paul – his 100th home.

Paul says “Each home is quite an accomplishment, against all odds. With hundreds of volunteers and the dedication of each family, we put together well built, energy efficient homes. All our families take pride in their accomplishment of becoming a part of the American dream of being a homeowner.”

Board President, Laraine Saldivar Gillespie, affirmed that “Paul has been a huge asset to the long-term success of PPHfH affiliate. Many strong relationships have been formed through his leadership and over 100 families can enjoy homeownership due to his commitment to the mission. Paul will be hard to replace, but we are excited for him to begin enjoying his retirement.”

Paul set an example of humble and compassionate leadership and has been an important force for affordable housing in El Paso County. He has forged new relationships with individuals,

businesses, government entities, churches, faith based organizations, and especially the families.

These all result in making the greater Colorado Springs area a better place to live for all its citizens.

We all extend many thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the donors, the volunteers, the ReStore, the 100-plus families, and for the tremendous work Paul has accomplished in his 17 years.

Please keep Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and the work of Habitat for Humanity around the world in your prayers.

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12 Outrageous Outings: Building Up Our Community



Pikes Peak Habitat's Women Build project is hosting a raffle to raise \$30,000 to co-sponsor their 4th Women Build house in the Pikes Peak region.

12 Outrageous Outings features a raffle drawing for 12 gift packages of fun Colorado getaways, plus a \$500 Frontier Airlines "Frontier Dough" gift card. Raffle tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online: \$20 for 1 ticket or \$100 for 6 tickets. Must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets. Need not be present to win.

There is no admission fee and all are welcome. For a list of prizes and to purchase raffle tickets, go to www.12outrageousoutings.com. This event is sponsored by Lowe's.

See 12 Outrageous Outings event details on page 4 in the Happenings at Habitat section.

Women Build encourages women to have fun and make a difference by raising money and swinging hammers to build homes. To volunteer on our Women Build committee or join future Women Build days on the construction site, contact Volunteer Manager, Katherine Black, at 475-7800 x2 or katherine@pikespeakhabitat.org.

Follow Our Progress

Your support of Pikes Peak Habitat helps deserving families get into a permanent home. We are accountable to you. These are our success stories. You can follow our progress here and on our website — from Ground Blessing to House Dedication for each family. Please thank our sponsors. With their help — *and yours* — we can impact these families.

BENAVIDEZ FAMILY



Location: Colorado Springs
Ground Blessing: April 13, 2013
House Dedication: March 14, 2014

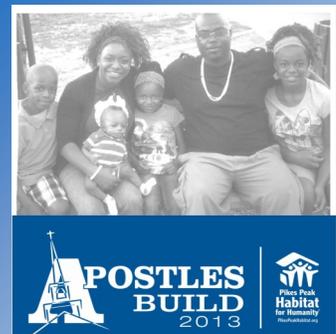
HOUSE #124!

KLEINE FAMILY



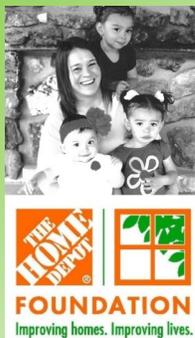
Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: July 8, 2013
Expected Completion: May 2014
House Dedication: TBD

WIGGINS FAMILY



Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: August 11, 2013
Expected Completion: August 2014
House Dedication: TBD

FICKLE FAMILY



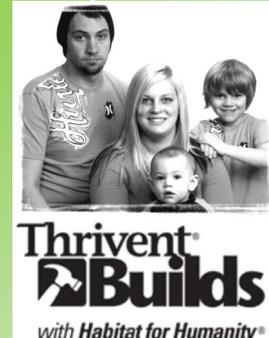
Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: August 18, 2013
Expected Completion: April 2014
House Dedication: April 21, 2014

VAN DIVNER FAMILY



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: October 20, 2013
Expected Completion: September 2014
House Dedication: TBD

HERREN/TYRRELL FAMILY



Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: March 16, 2014
Expected Completion: December 2014
House Dedication: TBD

HOEY FAMILY



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

RAMOS/ESQUERRA FAMILY



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

NORVILLE FAMILY



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: April 21, 2014
Expected Completion: 2015
House Dedication: TBD

For more information about these and other Pikes Peak Habitat families, go online to:
www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families



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Happenings at Habitat:



WHEN:

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:30pm

WHERE:

Coutura Design Inspirations, 6380 Corporate Centre Circle, Colorado Springs

WHAT:

Live music by Marco DiFerreira, photo ops with CSFD firefighters, door prizes, complimentary food and drink, and hosted by KKTV anchor Betty Sexton!

HOW:

- Like us on Facebook (Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity) and join the "12 Outrageous Outings" under "events". Share it with your friends!
- Invite your friends and co-workers to attend the fundraiser. Admission is free!
- Purchase raffle tickets or make a donation to Women Build. Over \$26,000 worth of prizes!

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