

Homeowner Highlight

Changed Hearts, New Home

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"God intervened," Karen Kleine said of her seven year journey to Habitat homeownership.

"Scott owned his own landscaping business. It was his calling." Karen continued to share that her husband was a successful businessman before moving with their four children to Colorado Springs from Portland, Oregon in September 2007.



Pictured (L—R): Zachary, Karen, Scott, Michael and Emily.
Not pictured: Tessa.

A family friend suggested moving here, because the region had a lot to offer. Scott adds, "I found work with a landscaping company. But, because of the weather, there isn't any work from October on. And I was laid off." With no money coming in, and at the onset of the economic crash, they were forced to move out – and they became homeless.

Fortunately, the Kleines entered into a transitional housing program through Interfaith Hospitality Network. There local churches house families to help

them get their footing on life's necessities. One of those churches was First Lutheran. Scott made such an impression that he was hired as the church sexton.

"It was not so nice there."

Zachary Kleine, speaking about his former home.

Eventually the family moved into a duplex, hoping it would provide more stability. Zachary, the Kleines' youngest, said, "It was not so nice there." All four children shared one room. They couldn't

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Above: House Dedication Day, standing with many friends who had their back.

Below: Karen holds the keys to their new home.



Sandie Trowbridge, asked if he had considered Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. The family applied in 2008, but due to a “mountain of debt” they were denied. “God did some changing in our hearts,” said Karen. After receiving their tax refund they determined to pay off their bills. “We wouldn’t risk being homeless again,” said Scott.

In 2012, they applied a second time. Again they were denied because there wasn’t a house that could accommodate their family size. However, they were encouraged to apply again. Thanks to Bike & Build’s sponsorship of a 5 bedroom house, the Kleines were accepted! “Bike & Build opened my eyes to my faith and blew me away,” said Scott.

The Kleine family moved into their new home on June 1st. Over 80 friends attended their House Dedication! Now they are experiencing some “firsts”. Finally able to eat at the dining table, Karen is looking forward to hosting family this Thanksgiving. Emily, 12, is looking forward to painting her room, “any color I want.” Zachary, 8, and Tessa, 15, just celebrated their birthdays in their new home. Tessa had a friend over for her first-ever sleep-over. Michael, 14, is looking forward to attending Liberty High School and working with his dad on the house. Scott, looking to return to his horticulture roots said, “This summer, I can’t wait to landscape our backyard with my son, Michael.”

Habitat Happenings Transitions

The Board of Directors is excited to introduce Kris Medina to the PPHfH team as our new Executive Director! Kris comes to Pikes Peak Habitat with 30 years of experience working with nonprofits. For the past 6 years, Kris worked with Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver as the Director of Finance and Administration. A Colorado native, Kris spent her formative years in the San Luis Valley. Kris graduated with a BS in Business Administration from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Kris also currently serves as treasurer on the Centus Mental Health, Counseling and Education nonprofit board in Denver. Kris is looking forward to connecting with the Habitat community in the Pikes Peak Region. Welcome aboard, Kris!



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.

Moved in!

FICKLE FAMILY




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

HOUSE #125!

Moved in!

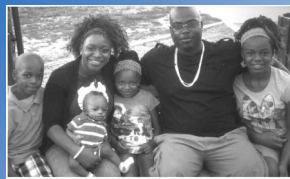

KLEINE FAMILY




Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: July 8, 2013
House Dedication: June 1, 2014

HOUSE #126!



WIGGINS FAMILY

Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: August 11, 2013
House Dedication: August 10, 2014

HOUSE #127

VAN DIVNER FAMILY

Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: October 20, 2013
House Dedication: September 21, 2014



HOUSE #128

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

NORVILLE FAMILY






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

RAMOS/ESQUERRA FAMILY




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

DAVIS FAMILY

Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: July 2, 2014
Expected Completion: March 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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