

Homeowner Highlight

Liberating!

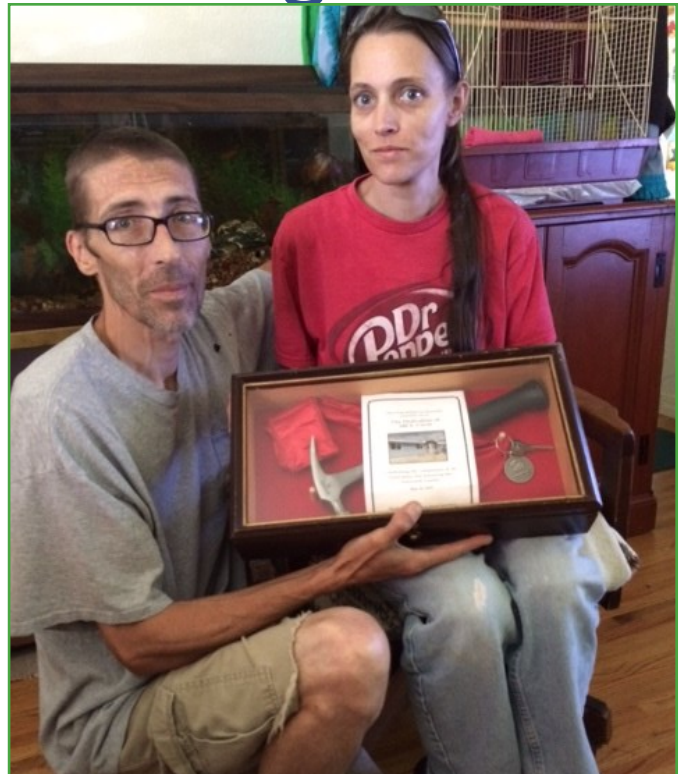
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Liberating. That's what Tim said it felt like when he moved into his Habitat home. For his wife, Samantha, and their two children, Teresa and Robert, it brought stability.

"When Samantha and I were children, it felt like we were tossed around like Samsonite luggage. We had no stable place to stay," Tim said. "As adults we determined to make things better." He worked hard at keeping the home they rented in good condition, to the point that the landlord said, "You keep this place in better shape than I do!" Seeing this initiative, the landlord encouraged them to apply for a Habitat home. They were accepted into the program in 2009 and moved in a year later.

Several recent surgeries and debilitating events left Tim disabled, but that has not kept him from working on his home. After moving in, they had a minimal amount of



Tim and his wife, Samantha, hold their personal display of the program, hammer and key from their House Dedication.

lawn. Tim and Samantha are avid gardeners, and now they have an oasis-like retreat in their back yard that would put many would-be green-thumbs to shame. "Not only is it a sense of accomplishment, it improves the quality of my mental being," said Tim. "We bought

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this house. We don't treat it like a rental."

"It doesn't take a million dollars to make things better. You use what you have," Tim explained over his gardening bench. "I

make a point of investing at least one hour a day on my yard. That's seven hours a week. We are custodians of this house and the land. Just because we're [on limited income] doesn't mean we have to compromise our integrity."

Tim and Samantha said Pikes Peak Habitat, its donors and volunteers, paid it forward to help them. "We want to do the same." By staying in touch with Habitat, they find out which house is ready for

landscaping and donate several plants from their own garden.

As parents of two high school seniors (one with autism) Tim and Samantha cherish having a home that can meet the changing needs of their family. They are planning to convert their garage into a family room with a bay window to display their plants and flowers.

Tim said, "I am proud of our Habitat home. It's liberating for my family to have a stable place to live."



Top: The yard before they started working on the house.

Bottom: The same yard, six years later.



Tim showing off the many flowers he and his wife care for in their yard.

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Volunteers on the Spot:

Errol Reiner



Errol Reiner with Caitlin Curry, Homeowner Services Coordinator.

If ever you need a helping hand, look for Errol Reiner! Errol joined the ranks of volunteers in April when he moved back to the Colorado Springs area. Errol retired after twenty years living his lifelong dream as a pilot in the Air Force. Now he can be found regularly volunteering in the office and on the construction site.

He first started volunteering with the Indian River Habitat for Humanity in Florida on a construction crew. While there, he was involved in eight new home construction builds, two demolition projects, and six repair projects. He has many stories to share about those projects!

What keeps Errol coming back to help out? He loves the camaraderie with the construction volunteers, and loves feeling like he is making a difference in the community. With a smile on his face, Errol says volunteering "keeps me feeling young."

If you are interested in volunteering on site or in our office, please visit our website at: www.pikespeakhabitat.org/volunteer.

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.

Moved in!

LANDRAU FAMILY



Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: January 31, 2015
House Dedication: July 23, 2015
HOUSE #133

CRISMAN FAMILY



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: February 5, 2015
Expected Completion: September 2015
House Dedication: September 11, 2015

FAMILY OF PROSPER & CHANTAL



Location: Colorado Springs
Ground Blessing: January 31, 2015
Expected Completion: September 2015
House Dedication: September 27, 2015

BERRYMAN FAMILY



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



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: July 5, 2015
Expected Completion: Winter 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.

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!

HOUSE DEDICATIONS

The Crisman Family

Sponsored by The Home Depot Foundation

Friday, September 11th @ 3:00 PM

848 Bunting Ave., Fountain, CO

The Family of Prosper & Chantal

Sponsored by the ReStore

Sunday, September 27th @ 2:00 PM

805 S. Hancock St., Colorado Springs, CO

WORLD HABITAT DAY

Events to be announced

Monday, October 5th

OTHER MEETINGS

Board of Directors meeting for Pikes Peak Habitat

Monday, October 5th @ 5:45 PM

Colorado Springs City Hall

107 N. Nevada Ave., 2nd Floor