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## Homeowner Highlight

# Welcomed with Open Arms

"We moved every year, 13 times before we got the Habitat house." Benjamin and Cicely Wiggins have been in their Habitat house for almost 3 years. "The day we found out about getting the house was around the same time as the Black Forest Fire. It was a bittersweet time, knowing some families lost their homes and we were selected to get ours."



Cicely and Benjamin with A'dre'ja, Maliki, Inella and Quamie

Moving from North Carolina, Benjamin and Cicely always knew they wanted to be homeowners. "When we first started dating, other people go to the movies, but we went to look at model homes," Benjamin said. "We had a dream and Habitat helped make it."

The Wiggins' home was sponsored by the Apostles Build, with a group of 10 churches bringing together funds and volunteers to build their house. "We really got to know the volunteers, and

the Pastor of Ascent Church even invited our family to Sunday service," Cicely said, "where we were welcomed with open arms."

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Since moving in September of 2014, the Wiggins have started upgrades on their home. "We installed the ceiling

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# Welcomed with Open Arms

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fan ourselves, planted trees and flowers, put in a security system.” After some heavy storms last year, the Wiggins needed to replace some siding to their house. “We were able to fix it ourselves because of the skills learned.” And all the home improvement projects have paid off in increased equity on their home. “As a homeowner, it is exciting to see the value go up,” Cicely says.

Becoming homeowners has allowed the Wiggins to better their finances, too. “We save so much compared to renting,” Cicely explains. “And our

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credit score went up 72 points within a month of moving in.”

Not having to spend so much on rent anymore has inspired the Wiggins to explore more entrepreneurial opportunities. “I’ve been able to focus at home and start an interior design business, and Benjamin hopes to open a food truck.” Cicely added, “Our kids will know that with patience and perseverance, you can achieve your goals.”



## Staff on the Spot: Welcome, Stephanie, Isaac and Jeff!



Isaac, Stephanie, Jeff

Pikes Peak Habitat is excited to introduce three new staff members! Stephanie Campbell, Director of Finance, has 20 years of finance experience including non-profit. “I’m happy to be a part of the PPHFH family that helps other families start a new chapter in their life.”

Isaac Ring comes to us with 7 years experience with Care and Share and is excited about his new role as Volunteer Manager. “I can truly say it is a joy to join the Pikes Peak Habitat team of staff and volunteers and be part of something so life changing for the people we serve.”

Jeff White is the new Construction Manager at Pikes Peak Habitat. Jeff has 20 years of construction experience and the best lesson he has learned is that there is always something new to learn. “I am thankful to join a great group of staff and volunteers that help make our community a better place to live.” Welcome to the team!

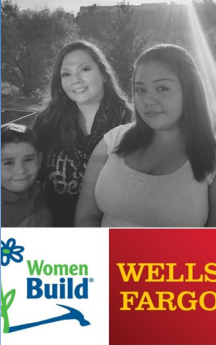


# Follow Our Progress

Your support of Pikes Peak Habitat helps families achieve the dream of homeownership. 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:

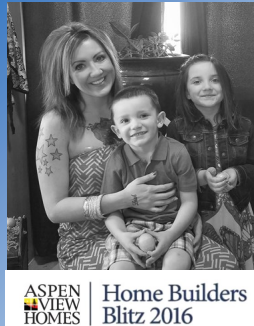
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## GALLEGOS FAMILY



**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** November 14, 2015  
**Expected Completion:** Summer 2016  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## GARNES FAMILY



**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** June 5, 2016  
**Expected Completion:** June 11, 2016  
**House Dedication:** June 12, 2016

## REYES FAMILY



**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** May 7, 2016  
**Expected Completion:** Winter 2017  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## ANONYMOUS



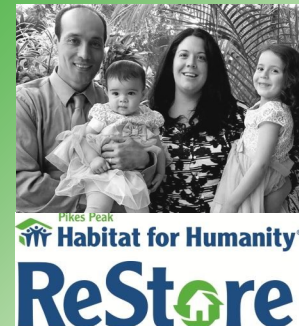
**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** May 21, 2016  
**Expected Completion:** Spring 2017  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## WICKWAR FAMILY



**Location:** Country Living  
**Ground Blessing:** July 1, 2016  
**Expected Completion:** Summer 2017  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## EL BOUALAYE FAMILY



**Location:** Colorado Springs  
**Ground Blessing:** July 22, 2016  
**Expected Completion:** Summer 2017  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## BABCOCK FAMILY



**Location:** Colorado Springs  
**Ground Blessing:** TBD  
**Expected Completion:** Summer 2017  
**House Dedication:** TBD

## An Opportunity to BUILD COMMUNITY

We need your help to fill these 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).

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## HABITAT Happenings

All events are open to the public.

### Ground Blessing for the El Boualaye Family

Friday, July 22, 2016 at 11:00 am

1002 S. Cascade Ave.

*Sponsored by the ReStore*

### Board of Directors Meeting for Pikes Peak Habitat

Monday, August 1st @ 5:45 PM

Colorado Springs City Hall

107 N. Nevada Ave., 2nd Floor

### World Habitat Day

Monday, October 3th

Events to be announced