

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Homeowner
Highlight: Love
Thy Neighbor 1

Adopt a Days 2

Follow Our
Progress 3

IRA Rollover Gifts 4

Homeowner Highlight

Love Thy Neighbor

In honor of Pikes Peak Habitat's 30th year of building community, we would like to highlight a homeowner who is building community right in her own neighborhood.

"If it wasn't for my neighbors, I wouldn't be successful," said Bridgette Fickle. "This is a great neighborhood with great neighbors."

Bridgette and her three daughters moved into their new home in our Country Living development last May. "We always have kids here. We started 'fun Fridays' where we'll have barbeques or movie nights. I even saved to buy the kids a bouncy house to share with all the neighborhood kids."

Growing up, Bridgette said she was "a daddy's girl. We weren't very wealthy, but we were together as a family. I always did the chores with him." Though he has passed, he instilled a sense of responsibility and adventure in Bridgette. "He was always teaching us to be responsible. I know now that that light bill needs to be paid. No one else is

going to pay that bill." Bridgette's dad ran a "tight ship" and now Bridgette's girls help with chores, too. "They fold and put away laundry, make their beds, help with cleaning."

"We have great friends here."

Bridgette, a Certified Nursing Assistant for 15 years, now has a full-time job caring for a quadriplegic man. "He's like grandpa to my girls.

Continued on next page




Bridgette with her three girls.

Visit the
Pikes Peak Habitat
ReStore.

**Pikes Peak
Habitat for Humanity®
ReStore**

ReCycle.
ReUse.
ReSell.

Follow us online!

 Pikes Peak Habitat
for Humanity

 pphabitat

pikespeakhabitat.org

Love Thy Neighbor

Continued from Page 1



Kaidence, Charlie Ann and Tailynn.

We spend Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve breakfast together.”

Asked about how being in a Habitat house has changed her life, Bridgette said, “I’m more responsible. I’m better with my finances. We love being outside. We have great friends here. A great community.”

Homeownership has also provided more opportunity. “I set money aside from my taxes to buy sod for a bigger yard for the kids. I bought them a swing set and a membership to the zoo. Things we couldn’t do in apartment living. We love being in the yard, it’s a great stress reliever. My daughters like to pull weeds and plant flowers. I want them to be successful, responsible. The

world is always changing.”

This past Christmas, Bridgette’s sense of community propelled her to help her neighbors set up and take down their Christmas decorations and organize a neighborhood New Year’s Eve celebration.

“I’m thankful for what my neighbors have. If something is important to them, it’s important to me. If they are successful, I’m so happy for them. I’ve learned to put God first and try to love my neighbor. If God is not your center, you can’t go anywhere.”

Bridgette’s dad would be proud of her.

“I’m more responsible.”

Adopt-A-Days



Is your group looking for a fun team-building experience that helps strengthen camaraderie while also helping the community? Not enough time in the day to coordinate a full experience? Look no further than the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Adopt-A-Day program!

We offer the complete experience for any group. Not only are you able to learn new skills in construction, but the day includes complimentary lunch delivered to the construction site, Habitat T-shirts, and a framed photo of your group. We’ll even post your group on social media for team members to tag later.

Elevate your team to the Adopt-A-Day level! As the name suggests, the cost of affordable land, materials, and building supplies is on the rise, in addition to the cost of subcontractors needed for highly specialized building work. By donating \$2,500, your group can cover all the costs that cover a day of construction.

Contact Ashley McIntyre, Volunteer and Safety Coordinator at 719.475.7800 ex. 102 or email ashley@pikespeakhabitat.org today to set up a team-building, community-enhancing experience not easily forgotten!

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:

www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families.

Moved in!



CRISMAN FAMILY




Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: February 5, 2015
House Dedication: September 11, 2015
HOUSE #134

Moved in!


FAMILY OF PROSPER & CHANTAL

Location: Colorado Springs
Ground Blessing: January 31, 2015
House Dedication: September 27, 2015
HOUSE #135

Moved in!



BERRYMAN FAMILY



Pope Francis Build



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: April 25, 2015
House Dedication: December 12, 2015
HOUSE #136

THE NGO FAMILY



Location: Woodmen Vistas
Ground Blessing: October 25, 2015
Expected Completion: Spring 2016
House Dedication: February 28, 2016

WIGGINS FAMILY



Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: May 31, 2015
Expected Completion: Winter 2016
House Dedication: March 6, 2016

THE FAMILY OF EMMANUEL & ESTELI

Location: Country Living
Ground Blessing: April 27, 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!



2802 N. Prospect St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

2802 N. Prospect St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
719.475.7800 | Fax 719.473.3891
www.pikespeakhabitat.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TYE TUTT *President*
SAM ADAMS *Vice President*
TIM TROWBRIDGE *Treasurer*
TOM SCOTT *Secretary*
DEANNE CAIN FISCHLEIN
STEVE KEARNEY
RICH KLABER
MATT MANZIONE
JEFF MAWHIRTER
PETER SCANLON
VICTORIA SELFRIE
LAUREL THORSTENSEN
BARB TREACY
DAVE WARNER

PPHFH STAFF

KRIS MEDINA *Executive Director*
JANET RISLEY *Director of Homeowner Services*
ASHLEY MCINTYRE *Volunteer Manager*
ANDY PETERSEN *Development Director*
MÉMO SMITH *Construction Manager*

RESTORE STAFF

JOHN VETETO *General Manager*
MARTHA LEWIS *Asst. General Manager*
DAN JENSEN *Sales and Acquisition Manager*
JOHN JEFFRIES *Receiving/Donations Manager*
JOHN MOORE *Volunteer Coordinator*

What's an IRA Rollover gift?

An IRA rollover gift is a great way to support Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. It allows those 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to Pikes Peak Habitat each year.

Your gift is a tax-exempt distribution and can be used to meet all or part of an IRA-required minimum distribution.

You can make your gift using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after tax assets to make your gift.

When you donate through your IRA, you will help Pikes Peak Habitat build and rehabilitate houses with families in need of affordable shelter right here in El Paso County.

To learn more, meet with your financial advisor and contact Andy Petersen, Development Director, at 719.475.7800 ext. 105 or andy@pikespeakhabitat.org.