



# coming home

The quarterly newsletter for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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## Homeowner Highlight

# An Opportunity for Stability

Prosper and Chantal, originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, have been in the United States for nine years. Living in a high rent apartment with only three small bedrooms and no yard, Prosper wanted stability for his family. "I went on the website to learn the process of owning a home. We were very excited when we were approved."

The next step was working towards their 450 hours of "sweat equity". Motivated from the start, Prosper and Chantal were able to finish all of their "sweat equity" hours in less than three months.

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They still continued to work on their house though, knowing that the skills they learn will help them in the long run.

"The sweat equity hours were very useful in



Prosper and Chantal with Cynthia (14), Samson (12), Rose (10) and Chancelline (7)

helping us acquire house maintenance skills. They taught us the basics of owning a home."

Prosper also appreciated the help of the volunteers. "They were great team players. The volunteers knew more about building a house than we did and they were able to teach us."

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## An Opportunity for Stability

Prosper and Chantal have been in their home for almost a year. Their home provides the strength and stability that Prosper was looking for his family over a year ago when he first applied. "Because we own a home, we are able to plan ahead. And when we pay our mortgage, we know where the money is going, unlike when you rent an apartment."



Prosper, Chantal and family at their Ground Blessing in January 2015

Before moving into the Habitat house, Prosper and Chantal's four kids were frequently

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interrupted when doing their schoolwork. "Now," Prosper added smiling, "they have no excuse not to get their homework done." Being in a Habitat home means Cynthia, Samson, Rose and Chancelline have a quiet

space to study and finish their work. "When we first came here, they did not know how to say 'Good Morning' and now I get phone calls from teachers about how well the kids are doing in school." Prosper said. "We appreciate very much what Habitat has done for us."

### Volunteers on the Spot:

## All in the Family

George Hammond, former Chair, board member and longtime supporter of Pikes Peak Habitat, has volunteered



George, Matt and Sam

with us for over 20 years. "Back in the days, we had to bring our own tools," he remembers. "We would build the sheds first so we had a place to keep them." George values the mission of Pikes Peak Habitat so much that he enlisted his son-in-law and grandson into volunteerism.

Son-in-law Sam, a board member and committee member, has been volunteering with Pikes Peak Habitat for almost as long as George. "I enjoy seeing people help themselves the most." Sam said, "You don't just help one family, you are helping to change generations through homeownership."

And now grandson Matt has followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps and volunteers regularly on the site during the summer months. "I really enjoy seeing the finished houses," Matt says, "There is a feeling of accomplishment when you build a house." If you would like to come volunteer with us, visit our website at [www.pikespeakhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org/volunteer). No need to bring your own tools!

# Follow Our Progress

Your support of Pikes Peak Habitat helps families achieve the dream of homeownership. Follow their progress here and on our website — from Ground Blessing to House Dedication for each family. And please thank these sponsors. With their help *and yours*, these families receive a hand-up, not a hand-out. [www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org/projects/current-projects/meet-our-new-families).

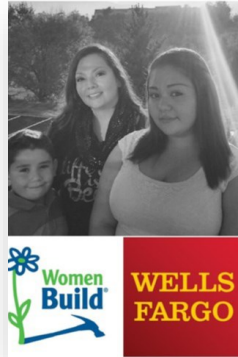
## Gallegos Family - Moved in!

### Country Living

The Gallegos family had their House Dedication on September 25, 2016, making them our 141st family served!

"It's like a burden had been lifted from my heart."

-- Francine



## Habitat Family #142

### Country Living

"It's important to give back to the community that you live in, that you raise your family in."

-- Kevin Hart, Aspen View Homes



## Reyes Family

### Country Living

The Reyes family had their Ground Blessing on May 7, 2016 and are expected to move in this winter.

"I would love to give my children the stability and safety that they deserve."

-- Sandra



## Habitat Family #144

### Country Living

This family held their Ground Blessing on May 21, 2016 and are expected to move in this winter.



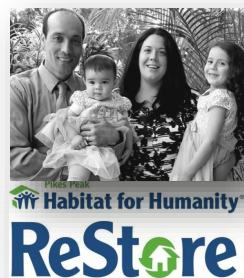
## El Boualaye Family

### Colorado Springs

The El Boualaye family had their Ground Blessing on July 22, 2016 and are expected to move in this Fall.

"We want to thank you so much for the opportunity"

-- Jillian



## Wickwar Family

### Country Living

The Wickwar family had their Ground Blessing on July 1, 2016 and is expected to move in this winter.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

-- Ramona



### 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 begin to build a house only when we know half of the construction costs are committed up front — \$75,000 of a house totaling \$150,000. If you, or someone you know is 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).

Help us BUILD COMMUNITY today!



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## habitat happenings

All events are open to the public.

**Board of Directors meeting for Pikes Peak Habitat**

Monday, October 3rd @ 5:45 PM  
Colorado Springs City Hall  
107 N. Nevada Ave., 2nd Floor

**#GIVINGTUESDAY**

November 29, 2016

A global day dedicated to giving back. Schedule your  
*Colorado Gives Day* donation for December 6 at  
[www.coloradogives.org/pikespeakhabitat](http://www.coloradogives.org/pikespeakhabitat)

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