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# Coming Home

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## A Purpose for Life

By Andy Petersen, Development Director

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Death of a spouse; change in financial state; change in residence. All are among the top stressors in life. Imagine this happening to you – on another continent.

That is what happened to Julie Mwozi.

Julie is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). War ravaged her country. In 1996, she fled for her life with her family to Kenya while she was eight months pregnant. Two years later, they moved to Atlanta where they found jobs and were able to send money to family and friends still back in the DRC.



Julie Mwozi's new Habitat home.

away.

Since then, Julie has experienced compassion from our community, saying, "People in this country show so much love."

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This past winter, Julie moved into a Habitat home with her five daughters and one son. "It is a big joy to have a house I can call home."

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Feeling called to attend Bible school, Julie's family made another long-distance move to Colorado Springs in 2008. Just after a year here, Julie's husband passed

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Her children are excited about their new home. Julie said, “My children now can dream about where they can put their things.”

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A working, single mom, Julie is not content to merely sustain; she wants to give back. “God is not done with me; maybe He has a purpose for me,” she said. Not only does Julie give back to our community, she has started a non-profit to help school children in her home country of the DRC. In a letter to friends and family asking for support, Julie describes the difficult conditions these children must endure. “Most never get to have decent food or play happily. They don’t have the opportunity to go to school.”

Stories like this enforce the impact of the PPHFH’s mission to provide the gift of self-sufficiency to deserving families – like Julie Mwozi’s family. Not only is she able to provide for herself and her children, she is demonstrating her gratefulness by helping those less fortunate.



The Mwozi family.

Your gift to PPHFH is having an impact – all the way to Africa.

*If you would like more information regarding Julie’s non-profit to help children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Redeeming Love — please contact Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity.*

## Global Impact

Every year since 1987, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity tithes a portion of our unrestricted giving to build homes all around the world. Your presence has been felt in countries like Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, Romania and (most recently) Haiti.

This year, we reach a significant milestone. We have built 100 homes outside of our region. This would never have been accomplished without your generous donations to PPHFH.

For this, we say “thank you” for your continued, faithful support.

# Visit the 2012 Parade of Homes

By Laura Williams-Parrish, Development Associate

Mark your calendars for this year's Parade of Homes Tour, August 3-19, 2012 and check out the Pikes Peak Habitat house! It will be open 10am – 6pm every day.

A two-story house in Woodmen Vistas – 7655 Crestone Peak Trail – will be showcased in this year's Parade of Homes. We hope to exemplify what affordable housing can be: the "American Dream". Local designers will be using furnishings from our ReStore to decorate the interior of the Habitat House. Original artwork will again be provided by local artist, Eric Fetsch, with proceeds of sales benefiting Pikes Peak Habitat. Make sure to stop by and take a look at their creative style!

Currently under construction, this five-bedroom, two-bath house will be E-Star Certified, making it energy-efficient while saving utility costs for the family of six. This home is sponsored by the **ReStore**. The Parade of Homes Tour is hosted by the Housing and Building Association of Colorado Springs.

## 12 Outrageous Outings Fundraiser

By Laura Williams-Parrish, Development Associate

Get ready for the *12 Outrageous Outings* Fundraiser for Women Build!

**WHEN: May 2, 2012; 5:30-7:30pm**

**WHERE: Coutura Design Inspirations, 6380 Corporate Centre Circle, Colorado Springs**

This event is free and open to the public. Enjoy an evening of live music, complimentary food and drink. All proceeds benefit Women Build, a project of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each or buy 6 for \$100! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.pikespeakhabitat.org](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org). You need not be present to win.

Grand Prize: Frontier Airlines "Fly Bucks" card worth \$500.00! (good anywhere Frontier Airlines flies) and 12 "Colorado Getaway" Prize Packages:

1. Garden of the Gods Club: One-night stay, breakfast included
2. Colorado Springs Philharmonic: Two concert tickets and dinner for two at Nosh
3. Denver Mountain Guiding: Rock Climbing Basics Course for two
4. Denver Center for the Performing Arts: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" Show, and one-night stay in Hotel Monaco
5. Manitou Springs: Two tickets for the Pike's Peak Cog railway, lunch for two at Nosh, and a Color Me Mine gift certificate
6. Telluride: Two-night stay at Telluride Alpine Lodging, a gift card for Telluride's Brown Dog Pizza, and a gift card for Telluride's Chop House Restaurant at the New Sheridan
7. Buena Vista: One-night stay at Best Western Vista Inn, Quincy's Steak & Spirits certificate, and a half-day rafting trip for two at Noah's Ark
8. Colorado Springs: Two day-passes for indoor rock climbing at City Rock, two tickets for The Rip Improv Show at Millibo Art Theater, two half-day passes for Canon City's Echo Canyon Rafting, and a gift card for The Rabbit Hole Restaurant
9. Colorado Springs: Brunch for two at The Broadmoor and four passes to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
10. Steamboat Springs: Two-nights at the Alpiner Lodge, gift certificates to four restaurants, hot springs passes, and bike/ski rental
11. Denver: Family four-pack to the Denver Zoo and one-night stay at the Hyatt in Denver
12. Colorado Springs: One-night stay at the Antler's Hilton and cooking class for two at Picnic Basket Catering

Each of the 12 prize packages includes a gift card for lia sophia jewelry! All are welcome.



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## Happenings at Habitat:

### • Volunteer at the ReStore

Have you considered volunteering at Pikes Peak Habitat's ReStore? The ReStore is a building supply store whose proceeds benefit Habitat. The retail store needs your help in several areas including: **receiving donations; pricing inventory; stocking inventory; cashiering; store maintenance; and store organizing.** Please contact Peter Marsh or Dawn Sommers at 719.667.0840 or [volunteer@habitatrestorepp.com](mailto:volunteer@habitatrestorepp.com) to get started!

### • Future Builds

Since 1986, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has been building homes for those in need. *We anticipate this need will continue to grow.* One way to ensure your legacy in our region is to include Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in your estate plan. When you evaluate your will, we ask for three things:

1. Make sure your family needs are taken care of.
2. Please remember to include the following in your estate plan:  
Name: **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**  
IRS Designation: **501(c)(3)**  
Tax ID Number: **35-1640064**
3. Please call and tell us.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Petersen, Development Director at 719.475.4800 ext 204 or [andy@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:andy@pikespeakhabitat.org).

We would enjoy hearing from you!