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**Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's call on women across
El Paso County to get involved in their community during
National Women Build Week 2018**

*More than 18,000 women construction volunteers unite nationwide to build up their
communities with Habitat homeowners*

[Colorado Springs, CO] (MAY 1, 2018) – For the 11th year, Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's are engaging women nationwide to work together to build Habitat homes during this year's National Women Build Week from May 5-13. In preparation for the build week, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's are asking women to get involved by signing up to volunteer and build.

"We're excited to partner with Lowe's to educate, inspire and empower women to advocate and help Habitat homeowners love where they live through building or improving an affordable place they can call home," said Kris Medina, Executive Director and CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. "We want to engage women of all skill levels to join their friends, families and neighbors to build up their communities and volunteer where women will gain invaluable skills to bring back and use in their everyday life."

"Lowe's is in the business of helping people improve and maintain their homes," said James Frison, Lowe's Director of Community Relations. "Lowe's Heroes have helped build hundreds of Habitat homes across the country and National Women Build Week is another chance for Lowe's to reinforce our long-standing commitment to Habitat, Women Build and communities where our employees and customers live and work."

Clinics are being held nationwide for women interested in volunteering with Habitat homeowners and fellow women volunteers during this year's National Women Build Week.

Locally, Lowe's will host a clinic in Fountain, Colorado at 7710 Fountain Mesa Road on May 3rd:

"Learn Basic Roof Construction and Home Maintenance Tips" Thursday, May 3, 6:00-8:00pm

To sign up for the clinic, volunteers should contact Laura Williams-Parrish at 719.475.7800 ext. 106.

On May 5th, local volunteers will kick-off National Women Build Week by building houses in Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's Country Living neighborhood in Fountain, Colorado (volunteers will meet at 811 Bunting Avenue). Currently 15 families live there, and 10 houses are under construction. Six of those will be completed soon and the families are planning to close on them later this spring.

National Women Build Week, a nationwide initiative created by Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's in 2008, has brought together more than 117,000 all-women construction volunteers to build or repair homes with nearly 5,000 families over the past 10 years. This year, Lowe's donated nearly \$2 million to Habitat for Humanity to support the 2018 National Women Build Week, which is set to take place in 300 communities nationwide.

Habitat and Lowe's encourage all women to volunteer—no construction skills or experience in Habitat builds necessary. To learn more about National Women Build Week, visit Habitat.org/wb.

Since Lowe's national partnership with Habitat for Humanity began in 2003, the home improvement company has committed more than \$63 million to Habitat and helped nearly 6,500 families improve their living conditions.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing in the Pikes Peak Region by building decent, affordable, permanent homes in partnership with the community and prospective homeowners. Partner families purchase their house with affordable mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 153 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.

About Lowe's in the Community

Lowe's, a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company, has a 60-year legacy of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. In the past decade, Lowe's and the Lowe's Gives Foundation together have contributed more than \$300 million to these efforts, and for more than two decades Lowe's Heroes volunteers have donated their time to make our communities better places to live. For the latest news, visit Newsroom.Lowes.com or follow [@LowesMedia](https://twitter.com/LowesMedia) on Twitter.

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