

# Position Description: Faith Relations Committee Member

### **PURPOSE**

The Faith Relations Committee of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) provides a communication and action link between PPHFH and the broad range of faith communities of El Paso County. This Committee is essential to achieving our mission: "Seeking to put God's love in action, PPHFH brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." The Committee fosters and supports the relationships with faith organizations and aids in seeking out new faith communities to engage in partnership of accomplishing our mission. The Faith Relations Committee takes part in activities to achieve our mission of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**CHAIR** 

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## **MEMBERS**

Committee Chair, Director of Development, Development Associate and at-large Committee Members. When possible, representation shall be from a range of faith communities currently providing support to and sponsoring homes with PPHFH. Others will be invited to join, so that membership continues to grow and diversify to match that of the community in El Paso County. Members of the Committee shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Members should include members of the clergy / faith-based community and professionals from the disciplines of development and communications.

#### **FREQUENCY**

Monthly on the fourth Thursday

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develop familiarity with the Faith Relations strategic plan, annual work plan and budget, providing guidance as to tactics and required resources
- Help identify and recruit long-term faith-based donors and sponsors
- Help identify and recruit additional committee members.
- Partner with PPHFH Staff as necessary for special projects, problem solving, and consultation.
- Serve as an ambassador to the local faith community for PPHFH. Open doors in personal faith communities.
- Energetically volunteer for and participate in Committee activities such as: providing support to current faith outreach and reaching out to new supporters in the faith community.
- Support involvement of faith communities in PPHFH activities and events such as: Interfaith Builds, International Day of Prayer / World Habitat Day, ReStore, and Neighborhood Revitalization
- Share ideas and best practices with Staff and others on the Committee. Prepare to speak up/ask questions/offer new ideas and alternatives as appropriate.
- Stay informed about PPHFH happenings.
- Chair: Devise meeting agendas (with staff liaison), chair and conduct Committee meetings, review meeting minutes, represent PPHFH to the faith community at large, serve as a role model and leader among Committee members, provide periodic status updates to the Board at Board meetings.
- **Director of Development**: Act as liaison between the Committee and PPHFH, coordinate meeting and event logistics, create agenda (with Chair), maintain contact list, share meeting minutes with Chair, provide support and resources to Committee.

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#### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Commit to at least one two-year term
- Make the appropriate time commitment to attend and participate in meetings, with additional time as required for preparation and special projects
- Be prompt and attend all meetings of the Faith Relations Committee. If it is necessary to be absent (i.e. an unavoidable work situation or illness) the member will inform the committee chair or staff. No more than two unexcused committee meetings within a 12 month period.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Enthusiasm for PPHFH and its story.
- Understanding of the PPHFH mission / vision / mission principles and desire to promote PPHFH. An interest in affordable housing issues in El Paso County and the drive for change.
- Familiarity with the faith-based constituency in El Paso County.
- Willingness to help create partnerships with diverse faith-based communities.
- Eagerness to interact with people from all walks of life, particularly those of different faith traditions than one's own.

## TRAINING PROVIDED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Orientation to PPHFH, Construction Site / ReStore Visits, guidance on successful public speaking on behalf of PPHFH,
HFH Knowledge Center and access to My. Habitat.org

## **BENEFITS TO YOU**

- Being personally rewarded by giving back to the community and by learning about other faiths/religions/philosophies.
- Gaining opportunities to network, meet new friends, and establish professional contacts and references.
- Work with other professionals to ensure El Paso County's low income families have an opportunity to achieve safe, decent and affordable housing.

Training and resources described above

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