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# Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Ground Blessing Of Second "Veteran Home Build" for Local Veteran Family

Fountain, CO (June 29, 2019) – Celebrating their 19th anniversary this July, Ron and Amanda would not have met if it weren't for their connections to the U.S. Army and Fort Carson. Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army as a high school senior, and his journey with the army landed him at Fort Carson where he served as a medic. About the same time, Amanda's father was completing his 21-year career in the army, also at Fort Carson. Eventually they met at a local coffee shop, and after marrying and



having their first daughter, they moved to Fountain. Now they have three daughters (ages 15, 11 and 7). Amanda is a stay-at-home mom and Ron works as a tow truck driver.

The past year has been burdensome in Ron and Amanda's efforts to secure affordable housing for their family. The townhome where they had been renting was sold to a new company with untimely renovations, forcing all renters out of the complex while improvements were made, resulting in a huge increase in rent. In the middle of winter with 60 days' notice, they had to find a new place for their family. To secure affordable housing, the family had to sacrifice on space. All three girls share one small bedroom, and their home is cramped. Now as future Habitat homeowners, though, Amanda and Ron look forward to living beyond paycheck-to-paycheck, and having a stable home and safe neighborhood for their children.

Their house is Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's second Veteran Home Build, a project that helps qualified veterans build and purchase their own home with an affordable mortgage. Pikes Peak Habitat is grateful to our veterans for their service, and we are committed to supporting them in their housing needs.

The public is invited to attend the ground blessing and meet the family.

**Event details:** 11:30 AM, Saturday, June 29, 2019 **Location:** 231 Red Finch Lane, Fountain, CO, 80817

### **Directions from I-25:**

- 1. Take exit 132A and turn east on Mesa Ridge Pkwy.
- 2. Take the US 85 ramp and turn right (south) on US-85 S.
- 3. Turn left on Comanche Village Drive and take the first right on El Paso Street.
- 4. Take the first right on Bunting Avenue, and the house address is at the intersection of Bunting Avenue and Red Finch Lane.

### **About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity**

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) builds affordable housing in El Paso County in partnership with the community and prospective homeowners. Partner families build their home alongside volunteers, and purchase their house with an affordable mortgage. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 169 families achieve homeownership in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.