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**Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity to expand work in El Paso County
with support of \$105,000 federal grant**

[COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, JULY 22, 2019] - New grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) to invest more in their work to build, repair and revitalize neighborhoods in El Paso County.

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity received \$105,000 to fund a program manager position over three years for our new Faith In Action (FIA) Program, which seeks to engage faith groups in six main elements: 1) construction and ReStore volunteer recruitment; 2) collaboration on our Interfaith Build for Unity; 3) raising awareness for affordable housing; 4) global engagement; 5) financial support; and 6) prayer support.

PPHFH has hired Dustin Alarid to serve as FIA Program Manager starting July 22, 2019. Mr. Alarid has a BA degree in Philosophy (Religious Studies) from University of Colorado Colorado Springs, and a MA in Development Studies from Kathmandu University, Nepal. Prior to joining PPFH, Mr. Alarid was based in Kathmandu, Nepal as Director of Operations for Portal Bikes. He comes to PPFH with nearly 10 years of non-profit coordination and management experience, which includes working with Lutheran Family Services in Colorado Springs, and as an AmeriCorps VISTA in New York City, NY.

“We’re grateful that this grant allows us to increase our permanent affordable housing impact in El Paso County,” said Kris Medina, Executive Director and CEO of PPFH. “Our work is vital to helping families achieve strength, stability and independence through shelter.”

The grant is part of \$6.2 million in funding that Habitat for Humanity International received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2019 as part of the Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Program. These funds allow Habitat to fund critical positions, expanding their capacity to serve communities.

Since 1998, Habitat for Humanity International has received over \$102 million in Section 4 HUD grants, and benefitted over 600 Habitat locations nationwide.

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.

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