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Habitat for Humanity home offers family the peace of stability

Fountain, CO (August 17, 2019) – Lisa is mother to nine children and grandmother to six. In 2005, Lisa's youngest son died, sadly leading to a violent divorce, and for the past 14 years she has been a single mother. It's been a rough journey for all of them with frequent moves every two or three years. Lisa has had to endure the stress of uprooting her family several times, knowing that the next move won't be permanent either. Making matters worse is that they have never lived near family that could offer them support. Instead, they rely on each other, helping one another the best that they can, but in the meantime they don't have the chance to "put down roots."

Lisa works three jobs to keep her family afloat. Three jobs. This is what Lisa has to do to afford a 3-bedroom, one-bath home for her children. The house is old, the floors are rotting through, mold damage is evident, and mice are a constant pest. Even though the location is where the family can enjoy the outdoors and nature, Lisa has grown tired of investing time and money into a home that she cannot keep. And buying a house on the open market is not financially feasible for her family.

Thankfully, as a future Habitat homeowner with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH), Lisa can look forward to a life free from the stress of constantly seeking an affordable place to live every few years. She and four of her children will soon have "the peace of stability [where I] can create a space [that] all my family can grow in." It will be her house to decorate as she pleases, a yard to landscape where she can build a greenhouse, and a home where her family can "grow roots."

Their home is PPHFH's second Real Estate Build, a partnership of real estate companies in El Paso County that financially sponsor and build this house. Construction is now ready to begin, and Daniel Pitrone, with Keller Williams Premier, will again be our liaison and champion, together with the Pikes Peak Association of REALTORS®, for the 2019/20 Real Estate Build.

The public is invited to attend the ground blessing of this house:

Event details: 11:30 AM, Saturday, August 17, 2019. **Location:** 227 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 then the first left on 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. Pikes Peak Habitat 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.

About the Real Estate Build

The Real Estate Build is a project of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity that brings together real estate companies in El Paso County to financially sponsor and build a home. In the latter part of 2017/early 2018, caring El Paso County realtors, land-owners, property managers, title companies, builders, mortgage holders, mortgage lenders, and warranty companies joined together with PPHFH to financially sponsor and build the first annual Real Estate Build home.

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