



# coming home

The Newsletter of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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## Cost of Home

Help Habitat make the #CostofHome something we all can afford.

### the issue: housing affordability

Families all across the United States are paying too high a price to cover the cost of their home. Rents and homeownership costs are skyrocketing, while wages are not keeping pace. Far too often, families struggle to make ends meet. Everywhere you look—cities, suburbs, rural areas—the stability that home should bring remains out of reach for too many families. At Habitat, we know that a family should never have to spend more than 30 percent of their income on a home. But consider that today over **19 million U.S. households pay half or more of their income on a place to live.**

That is unacceptable.

That means that 1 in 6 families are denied the personal and economic stability that safe, decent and affordable housing provides. Instead, 1 in 6 families are forced to make impossible choices. Safe homes. Nutritious food on the table. Health care. Access to good schools. Reliable transportation. Which would you choose?

Habitat knows the complexities that surround the cost of home. We also know the struggle, stress and pain of far too many families in our communities. And we know that those with the fewest resources are forced to make the hardest choices. We have to take a stand and declare our commitment: No family should have to pay more than half of their paycheck to cover the cost of home. Everyone deserves to build the foundation for a strong, healthy future for themselves and their families — no matter where they live or how much money they earn.

Every family deserves the chance to thrive.

### the solution: a national advocacy campaign

Building on our strong record of advocacy achievements throughout the U.S. and on the unparalleled reputation of Habitat's network of over 1,200 U.S. affiliates, Habitat will engage housing advocates; Habitat homeowners, volunteers and supporters; and federal, state and local policymakers to advance access to safe, decent and affordable homes through our first U.S. advocacy campaign.

Habitat affiliates across the country are committed to mobilizing—our partners, our volunteers and community members— to find the solutions and help create the policies that will allow 10 million individuals to meet their most basic needs.

PPHFH will host a Legislative Build Day June 27, 2019, inviting our local government to get dirty while building critical change. Visit our website for more information.



# Women Build

## Building Hope. Community. Tomorrow.



Originating in 1991 with a Charlotte, North Carolina home built entirely by a crew of female volunteers, Habitat’s Women Build program encourages women to make a difference by building homes and communities. Women Build projects provide an environment in which women can feel comfortable learning construction skills they might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn. Globally, more than 1,400 homes have been completed by Women Build volunteers.

Women all over the United States have participated in National Women Build Week from previous years. The week-long build leading up to Mother’s Day has traditionally been designed to showcase the skills of Women Build volunteers and to motivate new volunteers to help families and change communities.

May 9–11, 2019 saw the launch of our 2019 Women Build projects. New for 2019, Pikes Peak Habitat expanded this iconic program, growing from one annual build to four – one build quarterly in March, May, August, and November.

The May build saw dozens of volunteers from throughout our El Paso County community, representing organizations such as Women’s Council of Realtors, Lowe’s Home Improvement, Envision Radiology, and Harris Corporation, men and women from all backgrounds, faiths, and skill levels coming together to swing hammers and get their hands dirty at both our Country Living community in Fountain and at Dale Street, our newest community in Colorado Springs.

Everyone is welcome to participate in these monumental projects! Visit our website to learn more about Women Build at [pikespeakhabitat.org/womenbuild](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/womenbuild). Contact our Volunteer Coordinator for more information on days you can volunteer—bring your friends and family! [volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org)

Interested in bringing your work staff out to volunteer? Find out how your office can Adopt-A-Day! [pikespeakhabitat.org/sponsorships-adopt](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/sponsorships-adopt)

# Local Change with a Global Effort

Habitat Int'l hosts an international conference biannually in Atlanta, Georgia. Affiliates from around the world come to hear inspiring stories, learn best practices from top performing and well-established affiliates in construction, fundraising, faith relations, volunteering, financial management, and communication. We share our success stories and lift one another up as we all experience challenges that are caused by economic, social and environmental hardships. A highlight of the conference is that we are invited to worship together in an ecumenical, musical and spiritually moving community. Throughout the week, we act in recognizing the dignity of each oth-

er and our common vision – to create *a world where everyone has a decent place to live.*

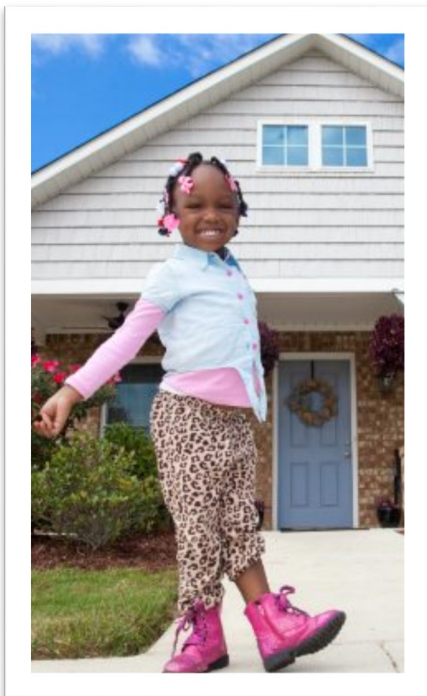


PPHFH Staff at HFHI Conference 2019

Several PPHFH staff were able to attend this year thanks to Habitat Colorado providing scholarships and our ReStore having record sales days! As a group, we brought back a number of actionable ideas that we can implement in 30, 60 and more than 120 days. We pick the top three items from each of our areas that will help our affiliate move forward in building homes, community and hope. So look out, volunteers and donors! We have exciting

ideas to empower your skills and

leverage your gifts to serve more families locally and globally.



Habitat Family

## Local Funds Making a Local Difference

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity offers our heartfelt gratitude to all our foundation partners who generously support our mission and programs. PPHFH is fortunate to have the financial support of many of our region's foundations and corporations, and although grants account for only an average of 10 percent of our annual revenue, it is truly significant in our program sustainability year after year. When grantors award funding for Pikes Peak Habitat to build

affordable housing and provide home buyer education for first-time homeowners, they are helping local families build a safe and affordable home, and that's something that lifts up our entire community. If you represent a foundation, organization or corporation that would like to partner with us (or know someone who does), please contact Community Relations Manager Laura Williams-Parrish at [laura@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:laura@pikespeakhabitat.org).





## With the ReStore

In April, the ReStore team launched an UpCycle contest to motivate sales while engaging members of the community to recycle instead of buying brand new.

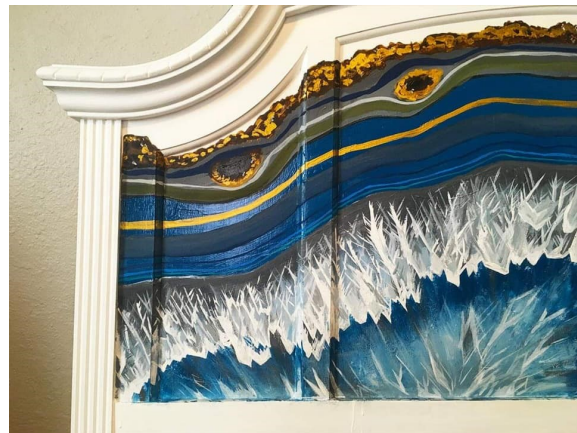
The contest featured recently donated \$10 headboards and discounted hutches, which shoppers could refurbish and share on our social media. On Earth Day (April 22) the winner of the UpCycle contest was announced after submissions were voted on over social media. The winner received a \$100 gift card to the ReStore.

ReStore shopper and contest winner Heather Holloman transformed a traditional wood headboard into an amazing piece of art! Fashioned after a geode, Heather repainted the headboard with an amazing wave of color.

These incredible images were shared by Heather after finishing her project. Other UpCycle creations have been featured on our social media and in our eNews. If you are not following along already, make sure to check out what our shoppers are creating!

Contact the ReStore for current promotions and upcoming events, and visit us online for more UpCycle projects!  
[pikespeakhabitat.org/restore/upcycle](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/restore/upcycle)

*\*cat not sold at ReStore*



Thanks to a grant from Colorado Technical University, PPHFH homeowners, employees, and their eligible family members, may be eligible to for a 25% tuition grant towards a college education at Colorado Technical University (CTU). To learn more visit our website: [pikespeakhabitat.org/ctu](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/ctu).

# Home is the Key

## Creating Strength, Stability, Self-reliance

The Home is the Key initiative was created to shine a spotlight each April on the critical role that Habitat plays across the United States in helping families gain strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. In conjunction with National Partner Day of Gratitude on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and with the Spring season beginning anew, it is the perfect time of year to focus on shelter; sprucing up homes, donating gently loved items that might be collecting dust, and spreading the word around permanent, affordable housing.

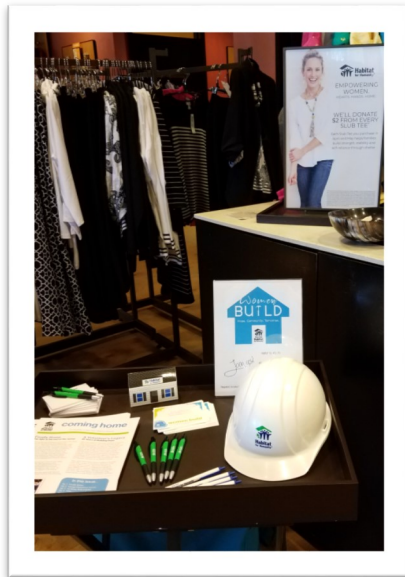
As we embark on the third year of the national initiative, we are very grateful to partner with local area businesses and our community in support of the Habitat mission: bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Throughout the month of April, businesses such as Chico's at The Promenade Shops at Briargate in Colorado Springs, invited us to engage customers and share ways they can directly help curb the plight of affordable housing and the growing need of our neighbors.

Thank you Chico's!

How can you help? Sign up for a recurring monthly gift on our website, donate to the ReStore, or volunteer your time building a future home.

Visit us online for more information: [pikespeakhabitat.org](http://pikespeakhabitat.org)



# Welcome to PPHFH!

## New Board Member Voted In

PPHFH would like to welcome the newest member of our Board of Directors—Bill Wall.

A Chicago native, Bill and his family moved to Colorado in 1971. He has been volunteering at the ReStore since 2010 as an advertising partner using his skillset as a Media Consultant with Vision Trust Communications to support the ReStore and the overall Habitat mission. He is no



stranger to getting his hands dirty though—every Thursday afternoon he and his wife work in the light room at the ReStore, sprucing up donations for resale.

His years of dedication at the ReStore culminated in 2017 when he was invited to join the ReStore Committee. Through his committee work, Bill discovered the wonderful blessing that Habitat has provided for El Paso County, stating that Habitat “changes lives for families that can have their own homes...it gives them hope [for] success.” Joining the Board was the most logical step to getting more involved and fully committing to the mission and vision of Pikes Peak Habitat.

In his new role as a Board member, Bill hopes to see continued success for the ReStore, “helping it to grow strong [financially]” in support of Habitat and building more affordable housing across the Pikes Peak region.

For more information about our Board of Directors, please visit our website: [pikespeakhabitat.org/our-board-of-directors](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/our-board-of-directors)

Are you passionate about creating a stronger, more secure community for your family and your neighbors?

We are seeking volunteer committee members for the Development, Faith Relations, and ReStore Committees.

You do not have to be a Board Member to sit on one of these rewarding committees, just invested in your community.

**For more information on our various committee opportunities, please visit our website!  
Contact the staff representative listed with each committee description to inquire about joining!**

# OFF *the* CLOCK

## Happy Hour with Habitat

### Building a Stronger Pikes Peak Region – One Plate at a Time

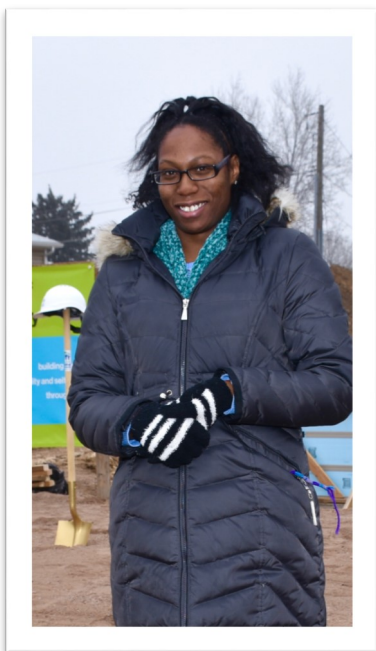
Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has partnered with local area businesses to broaden our fundraising efforts, and connect with parts of our community we might not otherwise meet. Off the Clock is a fun and exciting way to do good in our community while having a good time!

Urban Steam kicked off this endeavor in April, donating 100% of proceeds from our first Happy Hour event in

April. Salsa Brava Rockrimmon donated a portion of their sales to PPHFH during a Taco Tuesday Happy Hour in May. We are incredibly grateful for the support of such amazing locally owned businesses and to everyone who attended these inaugural events!

Visit our online calendar to see what we have coming up!

[pikespeakhabitat.org/off-the-clock](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/off-the-clock)



1st George Hammond Build

Future home of  
**Danyale's Family**

*You are invited!*

June 21, 2019 | 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
230 Red Finch Lane | Fountain, Colorado 80817

Home Dedication





Thanks to shoppers at the ReStore rounding up the change from their transactions, in 2018 YOU raised \$10,860!

That was nearly \$30 every day.

It goes to show the power behind the motto "every little bit helps."

great stuff.



great prices.



great cause.



Shop the store that helps Habitat for Humanity build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in your community and around the world.

411 South Wahsatch Avenue | Colorado Springs, CO 80903 | 719.667.0840  
donations@pikespeakhabitat.org | pikespeakhabitat.org/restore

Please visit pikespeakhabitat.org/restore/for a list of items that can be accepted for donation.

# Paint Stewardship Program



Recycle your old cans of paint at the PPHFH ReStore! Call 719.667.0840 for more details!



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June 27, 2019

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