

ReStore Finishes Record Year

Your Shopping and Donations Create Major Impact for Families in Need

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's ReStore closed out the 2019 fiscal year in June with a record-breaking \$2,024,000 in gross proceeds to support Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) and an estimated 1,300 tons of diverted materials from the local landfill!

Much like a "building supply warehouse meets a thrift store", the PPHFH ReStore sells new and used, donated building supplies, furniture, paint, lighting, and much more. The ReStore opened in 2004 and supports affordable housing in many important ways. It helps fund the overhead costs, new home construction, and repairs program of Pikes Peak Habitat. The net proceeds from the ReStore helped fund six Habitat homes in the 2019 fiscal year and will continue to fund more homes and repairs in the future. The ReStore is also a great resource to the public, giving families the option to affordably maintain or upgrade their homes, which allows them to remain in their homes without breaking the bank.

The ReStore is also in partnership with the City of Colorado Springs in salvaging materials from several homes in the Broadmoor Bluffs community that were declared disaster sites after landslide activity.

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ReStore customers browse appliances for sale

The salvaged materials are being recycled or sold at the ReStore. The proceeds will provide support and hope to future Habitat homeowners, producing a positive outcome from this devastating situation. The deconstruction and salvaging efforts will continue into 2020, and individuals or groups can volunteer by contacting Construction Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Buchen at 719.290.1969 or volunteer@pikepeakhabitat.org.

With a team of 15 staff to manage the 56,062 square foot retail ReStore, Chief Operations Officer Jeff White says he's extremely proud of what the ReStore has accomplished this year with the help of our community. "We could not serve the mission of PPHFH without the help of our incredible volunteers, all our generous donors, and loyal customers." When asked what the ReStore's goals are for the coming year and how they're going to get there, Jeff says, "Our big goal is to open a second ReStore in northeast Colorado Springs. We'll be recruiting more volunteers and will continue to build new relationships to increase our inventory."

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ReStore Volunteer Coordinator Dusty Last (right) welcomes a volunteer

The ReStore also serves as a wonderful tool for public awareness of Habitat’s mission and builds community by partnering with other nonprofits. It’s a place for volunteers to give back to their community. The ReStore relies on the help of an average of 35 volunteers per month to facilitate operations, and both individuals and groups are welcome. The ReStore also garners volunteers through community partnerships, such as Goodwill Rehires and AARP’s senior volunteers. These volunteers can receive salesforce training while volunteering at the ReStore, which helps them prepare for various employment opportunities. Bill Wall, a member of the PPHFH Board of Directors, and his wife Janel regularly volunteer at the ReStore and understand first-hand the difference volunteerism makes in their community.

“Volunteering in the light room at the ReStore is a bright spot in our week because we get to work together to give donated lighting a second chance to brighten people’s homes and businesses while contributing toward affordable housing in our community. Opportunities to work with the wonderful customers to help them as they shop at the ReStore gives us a satisfying feeling that we’re making a difference.”

Whether you’re a ReStore donor, shopper, or volunteer, you help Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity build homes and hope for families right here in El Paso County. Thank you!



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A HAMMER TO HELP
SHOP. DONATE. VOLUNTEER.**

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Letter from the President



*Ryan Mohling, President of
PPHFH Board of Directors*

It is a great honor to step into my new role as President of the Board for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, to serve our hard-working future homeowners, esteemed volunteers, generous sponsors, dedicated staff, and wonderful community partners.

It's truly a fulfilling and humbling privilege to get to work with such a great group of people who are all passionate about expressing God's love to our community, as we work towards increasing access to permanent, affordable housing in El Paso County by building quality houses, community, and hope!

Born and raised up the road in Boulder, Colorado, I've spent the bulk of my career working for Young Life, as

a field staff for five years in Costa Rica, five more directing a leadership development program in the developing world, and now currently serving as Young Life's Director of International Strategy. I've been involved with Habitat in some form or function for two decades now – from leading Young Life and youth group build weeks both here in Colorado and abroad, an MBA internship in the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity International office, and serving on PPHFH's Family Selection Committee since 2015. What I love most about Habitat is its "hand up, not a handout" model, which brings dignity to those in need of decent housing all while mobilizing people from all sorts of backgrounds to bring our community together to make a difference. The ReStore, which offers great quality building products to our community, keeps tons of material out of the landfill, and provides a revenue stream for future Habitat houses, further strengthening the Habitat model. Add our community of volunteers, donors, and partners to that model, and we have a recipe for both change and hope for our beloved county.

In the next year, we have ambitious plans: to find, secure, and build out a location for a second ReStore in the northern part of Colorado Springs; to ramp up our repair programs in an effort to keep more families in their current homes; and implement a new Faith in Action Program engaging more of our faith partners throughout El Paso County – just to name a few! We're excited about growing our impact across the county by providing quality, permanent, affordable housing options right here in our backyard and hope that you'll join us! It goes without saying – we can't do this without you!

Peace,
Ryan

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Thanks to a grant from Colorado Technical University (CTU), PPHFH homeowners, employees, and their eligible family members, may be eligible for a 25% tuition grant towards a college education at CTU.

To learn more about this partnership, visit our website: pikespeakhabitat.org/ctu.



Future Homeowner Aracely's children, Rigoberto (left) and Karely (right)



Dale Street build site nears completion



Future Homeowner Sumonrat and her son, Jefferson

What's Happening on the Build Sites, Thanks to Your Support!

Country Living Build Site: (Located in Fountain)

- Four homes are currently under construction
- Our Thrivent Faith Build is scheduled to be completed in mid-December
- The 2nd Annual Veteran Home Build is scheduled to be completed in January
- Ground Blessing ceremonies were held for Aracely and Sumonrat's families on October 19, 2019
- Three homes are scheduled to begin excavation work soon

Dale Street Build Site: (Located in Colorado Springs)

- Four homes are nearing completion in this community
 - ◆ Two are scheduled to be completed in mid-December
 - ◆ Two are scheduled to be completed in mid-January

Adopt-A-Days Build a Stronger Tomorrow

Team Building for a Great Cause

Adopt-A-Days (AAD) are opportunities for corporate or community groups to double their impact by participating in a team-building volunteer experience on our construction sites, and by supporting our partner families by covering the cost of building materials for that workday with a \$2,500 or more donation. AAD groups receive many benefits including: lunch and Pikes Peak Habitat t-shirts provided to participants, priority volunteer booking, leadership invited to our annual donor recognition event, and recognition on our website and social media.

To learn more or to schedule an Adopt-A-Day with PPHFH, please contact Sarah Buchen, Construction Volunteer Coordinator, at 719.290.1969 or volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org. You can also visit our website at pikespeakhabitat.org/sponsorships-adopt.



Adopt-A-Day group working together on a home

Legislative Build Day

Featuring the #CostofHome Campaign



(Left to right) Mayor Suthers, Steve Posey, and PPHFH Director of Operations Greg Kovach enter a home under construction at our Colorado Springs build site

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity joined Habitat organizations across the country to launch the national Cost of Home campaign locally with our Legislative Build Day event. El Paso County legislators, school administration, and government officials were invited to learn more about the Cost of Home campaign, how Pikes Peak Habitat is advocating for the campaign's policy platform locally, and to tour our current build sites in Colorado Springs and Fountain.

Attendees of the event included key officials who are working to address the affordable housing crisis in El Paso County, including Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers, Colorado Springs Community Development Division Manager Steve Posey, and Fountain City Councilmember Sharon Thompson. Attendees saw first-hand the work that goes into building permanent, affordable housing in El Paso County and to hear about how they can help find solutions and create policies at the local level to increase housing affordability. Kris Medina, Executive Director/CEO of PPHFH, spoke about the importance of the campaign. "Affordable housing impacts each and every one of us, and Habitat's Cost of Home is helping inform all of us that meeting the need for affordable housing has many solutions and positive outcomes. We can all be a part of that solution if we understand the issue."

For over 30 years, PPHFH has been making safe, quality, permanent, and affordable housing a reality for families in El Paso County. With the current affordable housing crisis and the introduction of this campaign, PPHFH has committed to not only building affordable homes, but to raising awareness and promoting solutions and policy change so that every family can afford the cost of home. Habitat's Cost of Home policy platform focuses attention on four core policy areas that are critical to solving the nation's home affordability challenge: 1.) increasing the supply and preservation of affordable homes; 2.) optimizing land use for affordable homes; 3.) equitably increasing access to credit; 4.) ensuring access to and the development of communities of opportunity. Successful solutions in these four areas will enable families to have greater access to homes they can afford — and to all the opportunities that follow. To learn how you can become involved and advocate for affordable housing locally, please visit pikespeakhabitat.org/costofhome.

The Cost of Home campaign aims to improve housing affordability by influencing policies and systems focused on:



Supply and preservation



Land use



Access to credit



Communities of Opportunity

In Colorado, 1 in 7 households spend more than half of their income on housing.

Let's do something about it.



Help make the #CostofHome something we can all afford.
pikespeakhabitat.org/costofhome

PPHFH to Expand Work in El Paso County through \$105,000 Federal Grant

New grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity to further invest in their work to build, repair, and revitalize neighborhoods in El Paso County.

PPHFH has received \$105,000 to fund a program manager position, over three years, for our new Faith in Action (FIA) Program. The program 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
- 6) Prayer support

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



Dustin Alarid, Faith in Action Program Manager

“We’re grateful that this grant allows us to increase our permanent, affordable housing impact in El Paso County,” said Kris Medina, Executive Director/CEO of PPHFH. “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. Since 1998, Habitat for Humanity International has received over \$102 million in Section 4 HUD grants and benefitted over 600 Habitat affiliates nationwide. These funds allow Habitat to fund critical positions, expanding its capacity to serve communities.

Dustin is looking forward to enlivening and furthering PPHFH’s reach into the faith community of El Paso County. “After having the privilege of serving some incredible people from all around the globe, I am really excited to have the opportunity to serve my home community through the Faith in Action Program.”

Do you know of a faith group or church that wants to give back to their community and be a part of the solution for affordable housing in El Paso County?

Reach out to Dustin by phone at 719.475.7800 ext. 115 or by email at dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org.



PPHFH Welcomes AmeriCorps NCCC

Increasing Volunteerism through Service

To address an acute need for volunteers this fall and to ensure we complete our four Dale Street homes before Christmas, PPHFH has sought the support of a team from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC). The AmeriCorps NCCC Team will be with us for six weeks, from November 2nd to December 14th. AmeriCorps NCCC is a unique, highly adventurous branch of AmeriCorps. Teams of eight to twelve individuals travel the country for ten months performing a variety of intense, multi-week projects to support affordable housing, recovery from disasters, restoration of the environment, and much more.

One of the goals for the AmeriCorps Team is to increase our workforce on the build sites so that we can move families into quality, affordable homes faster than our usual capacity allows. Trevor Bennett, PPHFH Construction Superintendent, remarked, "I've worked with AmeriCorps Teams at other Habitat affiliates. Their enthusiasm and energy are contagious, and they sure get a lot done!" The AmeriCorps Team will also be working at the ReStore once a week.

Overall, the AmeriCorps Team will supply some much-needed manpower to our construction sites and the ReStore as volunteer numbers begin to drop in the colder months. Sarah Buchen, PPHFH Construction Volunteer Coordinator is looking forward to working their arrival. "It's exciting to have a group of seven enthusiastic individuals join our team, not only to increase our volunteer numbers, but to learn some useful skills from our construction team."

AmeriCorps Teams who serve with Habitat are able to gain real-world work experience with daily training sessions, opportunities to lead others, and hands-on work that equips them with the knowledge and skills they need to manage projects, preparing them for their future careers. **Follow their journey with us— visit our website and social media pages to watch as they help build a stronger Pikes Peak region!**



NCCC Volunteers serving with Greater Teton Area Habitat



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A percentage of your purchases will go towards building affordable housing across the region.

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Are you passionate about creating a stronger community?

Are you a building, construction, or skilled trades professional?

We're seeking volunteer members for our Building Committee, among others!

You don't have to be a Board Member to sit on one of these rewarding committees.

For more information, please visit our website.



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Our Mission

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

HELP BUILD HOMES, COMMUNITIES, AND HOPE BY MAKING A GIFT!

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- 1986 Club

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