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The Newsletter of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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New Affordable Home Building Projects

Your support will help build houses in new neighborhoods in Fountain

More affordable housing is coming to El Paso County, as Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) gets ready to build eight new homes in Fountain, Colorado. PPFH has been building single-family, affordable homes in Fountain for the last seven years and will continue these efforts at two new neighborhood sites.

The new neighborhoods, Micah's View and Jacob's Run, are both named in memory of PPFH volunteers who tragically lost their lives. Micah's View is named after USAFA Preparatory School Cadet Candidate, Micah Tice, who volunteered with his peers on our 2018 Thrivent Faith Build. Three homes are scheduled to be built in the Micah's View neighborhood. Jacob's Run is named after Jacob Busch, whose volunteer service with PPFH spanned from building homes to being a member of our Finance Committee. Five homes are scheduled to be built in the Jacob's Run neighborhood. The cherished memories of Micah and Jacob, and their spirit of service to those less fortunate, will live on in the lives of the families who will live in the eight homes built in honor their memories.

In preparation for these new neighborhoods, Pikes Peak Habitat held a Neighborhood Information Session in August 2019, inviting neighbors and the community to learn more about PPFH and our building efforts in the area. The two new neighborhoods will help revitalize the respective community and bring additional affordable

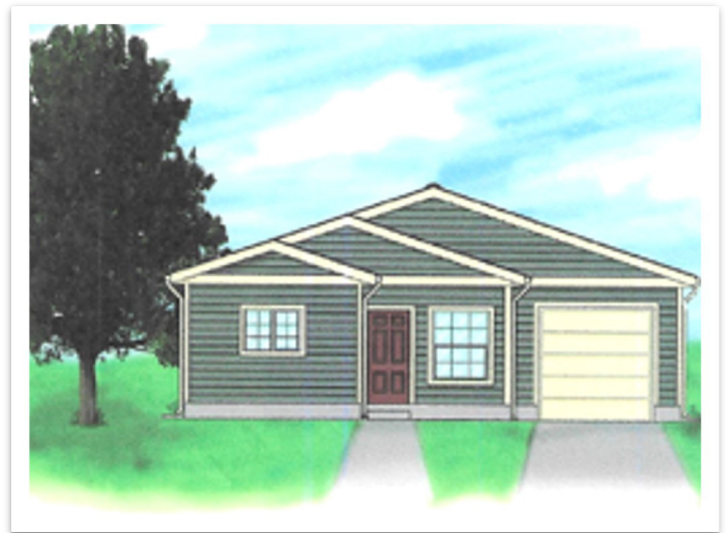


Illustration of the future homes in the Jacob's Run neighborhood

homeownership opportunities to families in the Fountain community. PPFH has also been working with the local school district, District 8, encouraging teachers and staff to apply for its Homeownership Program with the potential to purchase one of the houses in these neighborhoods. Some D8 staff have applied and are going through the selection process, which is expected to be complete in April, and will result in a total of nine families being accepted into our Homeownership Program. Of the nine families selected, one family will purchase a home in our Country Living neighborhood.

Kris Medina, PPFH Executive Director/CEO, is looking forward to continuing to build in Fountain. "PPHFH enjoys bringing people together and building community," said Kris. "We are so pleased we can continue doing both activities in Fountain because of the additional lots we acquired. Not only are we building community, we are honoring two of our volunteers who helped expand our impact by naming Micah's View and Jacob's Run in honor of their dedication to service."

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Letter from the President



Ryan Mohling, President of
PPHFH Board of Directors

Dear Friend,

I was thinking recently about how none of Pikes Peak Habitat's work would be possible without the many supporters who give financial gifts, make donations to the ReStore, or volunteer at the construction sites to frame walls and paint future bedrooms. And that's not flowery hyperbole either: it's a statement of fact. Providing a hand up, not a handout, to the hard-working families with whom PPHFH partners with literally doesn't, can't, and won't happen without you. We are a volunteer-driven organization that "brings people together to build homes, community, and hope." So thank you for being a part of these efforts, for being willing to step up, because this work truly doesn't happen without you!

PPHFH's last several months have been busy: between our 1st Annual Gingerbread Home Build fundraiser where Habitat homeowner children teamed up with sponsors to build gingerbread houses in support of the 2nd Annual Veteran Home Build, Colorado Gives Day, Giving Tuesday, and preparing for a second ReStore in northeast Colorado Springs, there's been lots of activity! All of these efforts have one common goal: seeing more families have decent, affordable housing options here in El Paso County.

Future homeowner Lisa is just one example, whose home was just framed and is expected to be completed by May 2020. Lisa's house is one of the last remaining builds of the thirty-four homes that make up the Country Living neighborhood, projected to be completed by this upcoming winter. We won't be moving far away, however, as we're excited to begin building the Micah's View and Jacob's Run neighborhoods in Fountain this summer.

Whether you're a volunteer, a financial partner, or a ReStore contributor, it's you that's making Lisa's story possible. Thank you for your partnership.

Peace,
Ryan

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A new state program, called ReFUND CO, will give Colorado taxpayers an opportunity to directly support Pikes Peak Habitat with their state tax refund!

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1. Write **Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity** and our Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act number, **20023003432**, on line 19, the "Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund" line, of your state income tax return or tax software – or simply give this information to your tax preparer to enter.
2. Enter the donation amount.
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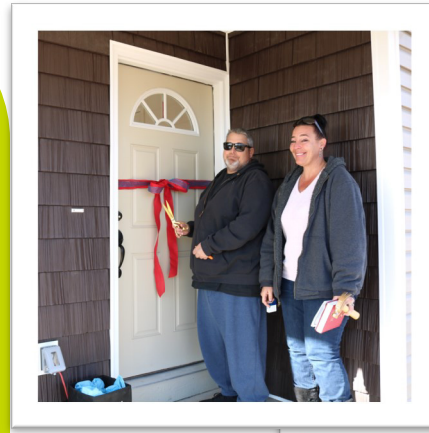
What's Happening on the Build Sites

Country Living Neighborhood: (Located in Fountain)

- Our Thrivent Faith Build was dedicated in December 2019
- Four homes are currently under construction
- The 2nd Annual Real Estate Build and 2nd Annual Veteran Home Build are scheduled to be completed in May 2020

New, Upcoming Neighborhoods! Micah's View & Jacob's Run: (Located in Fountain)

- Three homes scheduled for Micah's View beginning in summer of 2020
- Five homes scheduled for Jacob's Run beginning in 2021



Randy & Andi cut the ribbon on their new home (the Thrivent Faith Build)



Future Homeowner Lisa putting in sweat equity on her future home (the 2nd Annual Real Estate Build)

Little Village Subdivision Provides Homes for Four Single Mothers and Their Families



Rebecca, Gayle, Jennifer, and Yolanda with their families at their Home Dedication Ceremony

Four homes were dedicated on January 15, 2020, to homeowners, Gayle, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Yolanda. These women are all single mothers who pursued purchasing a home with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity out of a desire to provide stability and a better life for their children. "I would have never been able to own a home on my own being a single parent with just one income, and this has been my dream ever since I had kids," said Gayle of the opportunity to partner with Habitat. Now all four women are Habitat homeowners and have safe, well-constructed, and affordable homes in which they and their families can live healthier, happier, and fuller lives.

All four homeowners worked side-by-side, together with our dedicated volunteers, to build each other's homes and futures. Attendees of the Home Dedication included Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers, Colorado Springs Community Development Division Manager Steve Posey, the homeowners and their families, volunteers, and other community members. These homes would not have been possible without HOME funding from Housing and Urban Development administered by the City of Colorado Springs' Community Development Division. To learn more about these homes, visit our website.



The four homes of Little Village Subdivision on Dale Street in Colorado Springs

PPHFH Joins Habitat on the Hill

Advocacy Efforts Promote Affordable Housing Solutions

Each February, Habitat for Humanity International holds an annual legislative event in Washington D.C., Habitat on the Hill, so that members of the Habitat network can make specific budget and legislative asks of Congress. Habitat selects its asks based on the ability of Habitat affiliates to leverage these federal funds to create a wider impact on home affordability. This year, over 375 members of the Habitat community attended over 350 meetings with members of Congress. For Fiscal Year 2021, your legislators were asked to:



1. *Support the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (NHIA).* NHIA will revitalize distressed neighborhoods by using federal income tax credits to incentivize private investment in building and sustainably rehabilitating homes for low- and moderate-income homeowners.
2. *Support Habitat's appropriations priorities to fund:*
 - Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) at \$1.5 billion. HOME funds are administered to states and localities through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are used for activities related to home affordability including repairing, rehabilitating and building owner-occupied units. Locally, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity used HOME funds to build four homes in 2019.
 - Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) at \$15 million. Also administered by HUD, SHOP funds are used by Habitat affiliates to purchase land and develop infrastructure for affordable homeownership projects.
 - Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) at \$1.2 billion. CNCS allows AmeriCorps members to serve with Habitat affiliates across the country. It is a strong public-private partnership as both CNCS and Habitat cover half the cost of the AmeriCorps member's program participation fee. At Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, we are pleased to be hosting two AmeriCorps Vistas for 2020. Their participation with our staff will allow for program expansion.
 - Section 502 Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program (Section 502) at \$1.2 billion. Administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Section 502 creates opportunities for affordable homeownership for low-income families in rural areas. Habitat affiliates in rural areas use this program as a main source of funding.

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A New Global Tithe Partnership and the Thrivent Faith Build 2020

Our New Tithe Partner, The Ivory Coast

Pikes Peak Habitat is passionate about ensuring that everyone, everywhere has a safe and decent place to live. One proud tradition of PPHFH is our tithing program. In support of Habitat for Humanity International's development work, we contribute 10% of undesignated funds towards Habitat projects operating in low-income countries.

In addition to our current tithe partners, Habitat for Humanity Nepal and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Fund, we are privileged to also partner with Habitat Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

Habitat Côte d'Ivoire was established in 1999 and seeks to break the cycle of poverty by working with homeowners to provide safe, dry and secure homes, with decent sanitation. Once boasting one of West Africa's strongest economies, civil war and economic collapse have resulted in extreme poverty and significant housing deficits. Some estimates show that Côte d'Ivoire has an annual housing deficit of 40,000-50,000 units per year!

Habitat Côte d'Ivoire builds houses using appropriate technology and local building materials. The houses are made of brick and mortar, with corrugated iron roofing sheets. Additionally, Habitat Côte d'Ivoire runs programs that promote water needs, sanitation, and hygiene, provide financial education, and provides housing for people with disabilities and low-income families.



Staff from Habitat and Thrivent working together on the launch of the 2020 Thrivent Faith Build

The Thrivent Faith Build is Back for 2020

We are thrilled to announce that the Thrivent Faith Build is back for 2020. Thrivent Financial is a faith-based, not-for-profit financial services organization that, for the 15th year, will be partnering with PPHFH and generously donating HALF the cost of a Habitat home in El Paso County!

The Thrivent Faith Build home is built with the help of volunteer groups representing local Christian churches from around the community. This ecumenical project is an opportunity for Christians to put God's love into action and to unite around the cause of affordable housing.

The Ground Blessing is slated for this spring and we are currently looking for additional churches to partner with us. If you or your church would like to know more about the Faith Build or would like to know how to volunteer, please contact Dustin Alarid, the Faith in Action Program Manager, by email at dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org or by phone 719-475-7800 ext. 115.



A Habitat homeowner in front of her home in Côte d'Ivoire

AmeriCorps NCCC Team Creates Impact at Construction Sites and ReStore



AmeriCorps NCCC Team with Steve Posey, City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division Manager, in front of a Habitat home

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity sponsored a seven-member AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC Team) to work with our organization for six weeks, from November 2nd to December 14th of 2019. The Team supported PPHFH's construction sites, ReStore, home deconstruction efforts, and 1st Annual Gingerbread Home Build event. During their time working with PPHFH, the Team was housed in facilities generously provided by Ascension Lutheran Church, Faith Presbyterian Church, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, and two individuals.

The Team's work on our construction sites enabled us to complete our four Little Village Subdivision homes, located on Dale Street in Colorado Springs (see article on page 4), within our projected schedule. Sarah Buchen, PPHFH Construction Volunteer Coordinator, got to see first-hand the impact of the team on our construction sites. "The opportunity to work with the AmeriCorps NCCC Team was a blessing," said Sarah. "This experience gave our organization a chance to have consistent labor to finish our Dale Street homes."

The Team also worked in the ReStore once a week and assisted with the deconstruction of several homes in southwest Colorado Springs that were damaged or destroyed by landslide activity in 2015. Dusty Last, ReStore Volunteer Coordinator, supervised the Team's work at the ReStore. "It is really difficult to say how amazing and helpful the members of the AmeriCorps NCCC Team were here at the ReStore," said Dusty. "Whether the task was monumental or small, outdoors or inside the store, each task was taken on with a smile and completed, often quicker than anticipated."

Overall, the AmeriCorps NCCC Team's work with PPHFH made a lasting impression on PPHFH and the seven members of the Team. "Working with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has been the most impactful part of my service term with AmeriCorps NCCC", said Ruth Jeffers, a member of the Team. "Our team learned so much from the generous and kind staff about selfless service of one's community, and I hope to follow their example beyond NCCC by serving whatever community I call home in the future with care and humility." Following the success of working with the Team in 2019, PPHFH has applied to sponsor another AmeriCorps NCCC Team for eight weeks. Their work with PPHFH is projected to begin in April 2020.

Follow the next Team's journey with us. Check out our social media to watch as they help build a stronger El Paso County!



AmeriCorps NCCC Team installing a window on the 2nd Annual Veteran Home Build



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.



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