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faith**
can be put into action.



Faith in Action: A Newsletter of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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The Pikes Peak Habitat Faith Committee

Consider joining this diverse and dynamic group of faith leaders, all united around the cause of affordable housing in El Paso County.

If there is one thing that I've learned in my life, it's that it is really difficult for somebody to succeed on their own. No one person alone can have all the answers, can come up with all the best ideas, and can know all of the right people. Behind every successful CEO, you will find a team of dedicated advisers and experts. Behind every successful social movement, you will find a coalition of dedicated and passionate advocates and volunteers. This is why we need *your help* in the fight to alleviate the housing crisis in El Paso County – because alone we can only do so much, but together we can make a monumental impact in our community.

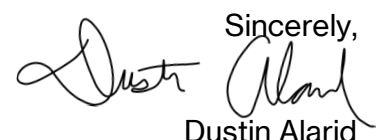
So what exactly is the Faith Committee? We are a group of committed and compassionate faith leaders from all around El Paso County. On the surface we all may look a bit different (with our diverse theologies and our distinct religious practices), but we all share the conviction that we are called to love our neighbors. More specifically, we all believe that *everyone* deserves a decent place live. Simple as that.

When do we meet? Starting January 23rd, we will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Business Office (2802 N. Prospect St). We realize that time is the most valuable resource one can give, so meetings will last no more than an hour (we promise!).

Who will be there? Our goal is to assemble a diverse group of faith leaders who are representative of our entire community. The committee welcomes people of all genders, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds to apply. We are an ecumenical and interfaith committee – united by the cause of affordable housing. This means that we are local pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, directors, chaplains, administrators, parishioners, practitioners, and passionate lay people.

What will we be doing? Our meetings are a time for brainstorming, planning, and dreaming. We will be working together to figure out ways to better engage and excite local faith communities about Habitat programs (including the *Thrivent Faith Build*, the *Interfaith Build for Unity*, and more). Outside of our monthly meetings, committee members will be the ambassadors of Habitat for Humanity to their friends, congregations, and circles of influence.

How do I find out more? Are you ready to join us? Or perhaps you would like a little more information? The first step is to email me at dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org. I will be happy to answer any questions and to provide any further clarification. Thank you!

Sincerely,


Dustin Alarid
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**faith
committee
launch**

WHEN: January 23, 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm

WHERE: 2802 N. Prospect St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

HOW: Send an email to dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org



The AmeriCorps NCCC team during Pikes Peak Habitat's First Annual Gingerbread Home Build.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Last month, we had the privilege of hosting an AmeriCorps NCCC team during their year of national service. In the six weeks that they were with us, we were able to get SO MUCH accomplished! We are grateful for their hard work, their great attitudes, and their servant hearts. This partnership would not have been possible without the generosity and hospitality of the following churches:

- Ascension Lutheran Church
- Faith Presbyterian Church
- Family of Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for opening up your doors and your hearts to provide lodging for the AmeriCorps NCCC team.

How can you help?



Pray
for Pikes Peak Habitat



Volunteer
as a group or an individual



Apply
to join our Faith Committee



Invite
us to speak to your faith group

Coming Soon!

Exciting stuff you won't want to miss:

- Jan 23, 2020 – Faith Relations Committee Meeting
- Spring, 2020 – *Thrivent Faith Build Kickoff Breakfast*
- Summer, 2020 – *Inaugural Interfaith Build for Unity*

2019 Faith Build Dedication

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2019 Thrivent Faith Build Home Dedication a huge success! A special shout out goes to Thrivent Financial for their generous contributions and to the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale for their beautiful performances! Andi and Randy were thrilled to spend Christmas in their new home. We are already looking forward to next year's 2020 Thrivent Faith Build and we hope even more local churches can join us!



Habitat Homeowners Randy (left) and Andi cutting the ribbon to their new home.

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization that builds homes with people in need of affordable housing regardless of race and religion. We invite volunteers of all faiths (and no faith) to help us build in unity.

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