



Pikes Peak
Habitat
for Humanity®

every
faith

can be put into action.



Millard Fuller (left) and Clarence Jordan at Koinonia Farm, circa the 1960s.

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

The Faithful Roots of Habitat for Humanity

The idea that became Habitat for Humanity first grew from the fertile soil of Koinonia Farm, an interracial Christian community outside of Americus, Georgia, founded by farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan.

The roots of Habitat for Humanity can be traced back to Koinonia Farm, a community in rural Georgia that sought to live lives modeled after the early church of the New Testament. The farm, founded in 1942, was built on the concepts of integration and interracial fellowship. Although praised by the likes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the farm was reviled by many within the local community. Standing in opposition to the segregation of the day, they faced violence, economic boycotts, and more. The community lost membership due to these hardships, but they did not lose heart.

It was here where Clarence Jordan would connect with Habitat's eventual co-founders Millard and Linda Fuller. Together they developed the concept of "partnership housing", where those in need of adequate shelter work side-by-side with volunteers to build decent, affordable homes. The houses would be built at no profit. New homeowners' house payments would be combined with no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fundraising to create "The Fund for Humanity," which would then be used to build more homes.



Bo and Emma, the first-ever Habitat homeowners, paid off their home in 1989 and celebrated by burning their mortgage at their church.

Bo and Emma were the owners of the first home built by Koinonia's Partnership Housing Program. They and their five children moved into a concrete-block home with a modern kitchen, indoor bathroom and heating system, replacing the unpainted, uninsulated shack with no plumbing where they had previously lived.

The times have changed, the build site locations have grown in number, but the very real change that Bo and Emma's family experienced is shared by families today who partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat now works in all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries worldwide. To date, more than 29 million people have achieved strength, stability, and independence through decent and affordable shelter.

Adapted from: www.habitat.org/about/history

UPDATE: Faith Build Kick-Off Breakfast

The Thrivent Faith Build is officially kicking off for 2020! Break bread with fellow pastors, church staff, and lay leaders as we talk all things Faith Build. This is a great time to ask questions, to sign your church up to volunteer, and to network with likeminded leaders. The event is free and open to leaders from all Christian denominations. Please remember to RSVP as soon as possible!

***NOTE the event's time change since last month's letter.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2020

7:30 am to 8:30 am

Garden of the Gods Club

3320 Mesa Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Please RSVP to: eric.stolp@thrivent.com or dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org



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Upcoming Events!

Faith Build Kick-Off Breakfast

Thursday, March 12th
7:30am-8:30am
3320 Mesa Rd, CO Springs, CO 80904
RSVP required (see the reverse side of this newsletter for more information.)

Faith Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 26th
9:00am-10:00am
Contact dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org for more information.

Faith Build Ground Blessing

Saturday, April 18th
11:30am-12:30pm
811 Bunting Ave, Fountain, CO 80817



The new homeowners from the Pikes Peak Habitat Dale Street location.

Dale Street Dedication

In January, we had the privilege of dedicating the homes of FOUR new Habitat homeowners at our Colorado Springs Dale Street location. All four homeowners are hardworking single mothers who share the desire to bring stability to the lives of their children.

Thanks to the help of the City of Colorado Springs, the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, and the generous financial and material contributions from the community, these families lives have been forever transformed for the better.

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



Colorado Springs Mayor, John Suthers,
at January's Dale Street Dedication.

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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