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faith**

can be put into action.

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

## Women Build with Pikes Peak Habitat

**Last month, we celebrated International Women's Day by hosting the first of our quarterly Women Build volunteer events. These events honor the unwavering commitment that the women of El Paso County have for their community and their families.**

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



Mothers, daughters, wives, sisters, and friends – there is so much that we can celebrate about the women in our lives. March 8th marked International Women's Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women around the globe. As per our tradition, March is also the launch of our annual Women Build at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity.

For three days each quarter, our Women Build events provide an opportunity for women to serve their community with Pikes Peak Habitat. Any woman who wants to learn how to build and construct a home is invited to join us. No experience is necessary. Volunteers (ages 16 and up) work under the guidance of construction

professionals, and also alongside other volunteers and future Habitat homeowners. Whether you are learning new skills or simply adding a few to your tool belt, this is a rewarding experience for all involved, and improves the community that you share.

*Women Build is a terrific way to involve your women's small group, study group, your friends, and/or your family in crucial work that has a lasting impact.*

In 2020, Pikes Peak Habitat's Women Build Days are currently\* scheduled for:

- May 7-9
- August 6-8
- November 5-7

Visit our website at [pikespeakhabitat.org/women-build](https://pikespeakhabitat.org/women-build) or write us at [volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org) to learn how the women of your congregation can join us!

\*Dates are subject to change. Visit our website, [pikespeakhabitat.org](https://pikespeakhabitat.org), for the latest information.

### Meet the Future Thrivent Faith Build Homeowner!

For much of her adult life, Crystal was a stay at home mom. When her marriage ended in 2013, she found herself just trying to make ends meet. She started working as a surgical scheduler, and after witnessing orthopedic surgeries, Crystal decided to pursue a degree as a surgical technician. But this is on hold. Crystal's priority is having her children participate in the activities they love, and so her paycheck goes toward their interests instead of her degree.

Her children are extremely active. Sydney attends Pikes Peak Community College part-time and works at the front desk of a primary care provider. Brook is very involved in both marching and symphonic bands, drama, and step at her school. William loves football and simultaneously focuses on his studies. As a family, they enjoy camping and fishing.

Being a single mother, Crystal is concerned about the affordability of housing, and finding an affordable rental in a safe neighborhood has been a challenge. Currently, they live in a 2-bedroom condo. Crystal sleeps in the living room so that her daughters can share a room and her son can have his own room. Living in such confined quarters, the family is looking forward to having more personal space in their new Habitat home.





# Stay Up to Date

In this season of rapidly-changing news and information, we want to make sure that you always have access to the latest and most accurate information about our organization. For updates on the status of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity programs and events, please visit our website:

[www.pikespeakhabitat.org](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org)



## A Prayer of Mindfulness

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those who are most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country  
Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other,  
Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our  
neighbors.  
AMEN. (Author Unknown)

## 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



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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