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# New Video Premiering Interfaith Build for Unity Released by Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

**Colorado Springs, CO** (August 4, 2020) – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) is proud to announce the launch of a brand new project: the *Interfaith Build for Unity*. As we kick-off this program, a video is now available for viewing and sharing via YouTube: <u>"Together as One -- Introducing the Interfaith Build for Unity"</u>.

Bringing together a dedicated group of volunteers from a diverse set of faiths and beliefs, the Interfaith Build for Unity encourages people to put aside their differences, put their faith into action, and to work together to build homes, communities, and hope.

PPHFH's Faith in Action Program Manager Dustin Alarid said, "We are excited to share our brand new promotional video featuring local leaders from throughout El Paso County. It has been truly INSPIRING to work together with such a remarkable group of people!" John Fries and Rob Abraham of Y360 provided their professional expertise to create the video for PPHFH.

In a time of division and uncertainty, PPHFH is working together with our community to build homes and unity. While El Paso County is home to a diversity of opinions



and beliefs, one thing we can all agree on is that everyone deserves a safe and decent place to call home. We are bringing together congregations and communities from a variety of traditions to volunteer, side-by-side, to build affordable homes for families in El Paso County. It will be a time of celebrating tolerance, cooperation, and love for one's neighbor.

Later this year, PPHFH will break ground for the Interfaith Build house for a local family. As with all Habitat homeowners, the family must show (1) a need for affordable housing such as overcrowding, unhealthy or unsanitary conditions, unaffordable rent, unsafe neighborhood; (2) a willingness to partner with Habitat by completing homebuyer education (credit counseling; budgeting; estate planning; protecting assets; and more) as well as investing 200 "sweat equity" hours to build their house; and (3) the ability to purchase the house and pay the mortgage.

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## **About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity**

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) builds affordable housing in El Paso County in partnership with the community and prospective homeowners. Partner families build their home alongside volunteers, and purchase their house with an affordable mortgage. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 177 families achieve and maintain homeownership in El Paso County. Visit <a href="PPHFH's website">PPHFH's website</a> for more information on the <a href="Faith in Action Program">Faith in Action Program</a> and <a href="Interfaith Build for Unity">Interfaith Build for Unity</a>. Find us on social media at <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> and <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a>.

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