



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Three Single Mothers Build Habitat Homes For Their Families And Become Neighbors, Too

WHAT: Normally we hold in-person dedication ceremonies upon the completion of Habitat houses, but because of the current COVID-19 situation, the event will be shared virtually on Facebook instead. Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) celebrates the **dedication of the first of these new homes** in the Country Living development in Fountain, Colorado via a pre-recorded video.



Sumonrat and her son Jefferson in front of their new Habitat home.

Sumonrat and her son Jefferson will be the first of these three families to move into their new Habitat house. Being the sole provider and caretaker for her son, Sumonrat had to make a tough decision to take a job with lower pay and fewer benefits so that she could have a flexible schedule with more time for Jefferson, but still be able to afford safe housing.

Aracely, with her daughter Karely and son Rigoberto, lived in a neighborhood disrupted by multiple shootings. Their apartment had been broken into, and rent gets more expensive every year. Aracely even switched from working in the evening to a day shift

so that she wouldn't have to leave Karely and Rigoberto alone during the evening. Soon they will have a safe and secure home.

Gladis and her daughter Alina, along with their dog Smokey, are looking forward to owning a home where they don't have to worry about dangerous traffic nearby. This quiet neighborhood is home to more than 80 children, and Alina can play outside safely with Smokey now.

Each of the three mothers spent 200 hours building their own home alongside one another as well as volunteers, and successfully completed their homebuyer education classes. Now they can rest at ease knowing that their children have a secure and stable home -- and they already know their neighbors.

These three homes are made possible by the *Fund for Humanity*, a Habitat program that uses the principal revenue from Habitat mortgage payments to support building more homes. Habitat homeowners not only afford their own home, but they "pay it forward" for more families in need of permanent, affordable housing. The *Fund for Humanity* is also supported with unrestricted fundraising and net proceeds from the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

WHO:

Featured in video:

Iain Probert	PPHFH Director of Strategic Partnerships
Sumonrat and Jefferson	PPHFH Homeowner
Gary Blake	PPHFH Construction Supervisor

WHEN:

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

WHERE:

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About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity 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. Pikes Peak Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 180 families (including the three families above) achieve homeownership in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.