



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Release

Media Contact:

Laura Williams-Parrish, Community Relations Manager
Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Office: 719.475.7800 ext. 106
laura@pikespeakhabitat.org

Local Volunteers Honored by Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Every hand makes a difference.

Colorado Springs, CO (September 14, 2020) – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) celebrated its 2019 volunteers virtually this year with a video presentation via PPFH's [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube channel](#). PPFH postponed the Volunteer Appreciation Event in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic and unable to reschedule it this fall, we made the difficult decision to officially cancel the in-person event and instead create a pre-recorded 2019 Volunteer Award Ceremony. This ceremony was made possible by the generous support of GE Johnson Construction Company. This was their third year to generously support Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's volunteers.

- **Chris Brownlow Golden Hammer Award:** *Peter Scanlon*

This award is named in honor of Chris Brownlow and is presented to the individual who displays the joyful and loving qualities Chris consistently demonstrated. These characteristics include strong leadership, always performing work with joy and a positive attitude, having a servant spirit and conducting him or herself in a manner that is synonymous with the philosophy of Habitat for Humanity both within and outside of the organization.
- **Millard Fuller Award:** *David Warner*

The volunteer who demonstrates leadership, going above and beyond the call of duty, and exemplifies asking others to get involved.
- **Linda Fuller Award:** *Martha Johnson*

The volunteer who does an outstanding job in working with our partner families, and exemplifies compassion and devotion for our Habitat partner families during and after their path to homeownership.
- **Journeyman Award:** *Robert "Bob" Ray*

The volunteer who has made a long-term commitment to Habitat and performs vital behind-the-scenes work for our affiliate, and is ready and willing to do whatever is needed to keep Habitat running smoothly.
- **Construction Group of the Year Award:** *Mike Maroone Auto*

The volunteer group who volunteers frequently at our Habitat construction site. Not only does this group demonstrate outstanding construction ability, but this group also displays spirit and devotion to building Habitat homes.

- **ReStore Group of the Year Award:** *Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind*
The volunteer group who volunteers frequently at our Habitat ReStore. Not only does this group demonstrate outstanding retail ability, but this group also displays spirit and devotion to building Habitat homes.
- **The President's Volunteer Service Award** was also presented off-camera to individuals who achieved a prerequisite number of volunteer hours during 2019:

LIFETIME (4,000+ hours): George Hammond (4,000+)

GOLD (500+ hours in 1 year): John Chittenden, Mike Gallagher, George Hammond, Harry Moore, Barry Mullane, and Jim Nolan

GOLD, Young Adults (250+ hours): Austin Mayer

SILVER (250-499 hours in 1 year): Suzanne Ballard, Frank Bernhard, Steve Boyce, John Comes, James Gibson, Phil Larish, John Lesnak, Paul McSpadden, Jonathan Olson, Robert Ray, Bernie Redlinger, Ed Santucci, and Gary Walters

BRONZE (100-249 hours in 1 year): Jordan Barreras-Phillips, Roger Condie, Steve Corsi, Robert Dejean, Greg Dotseth, Brian Espravnik Jr., Brian Espravnik Sr., Ed Gass, Charlie Gray, Cathy Harrington, Edwin Hettler, Don Kayon, Stuart Klein, Vern Kuhlman, Sandi Linhart, Ruth Love, Bill Morris, Adam Mungin, Dean Myers, Douglas Noetzelman, Sharon Oldfield, Ken Percival, Bill Robertson, Robert Rose, Mike Stillwell, Art Thorstensen, Laurel Thorstensen, Tye Tutt, Bill Wall, Janel Wall, and David Warner

Volunteers are a fundamental resource for PPHFH with 90% of each PPHFH house built by volunteers under construction staff supervision. In 2019, a total of 3,113 volunteers gave 48,951 hours in administrative assistance, construction of houses, board of directors, committee work, and retail help in the ReStore.

Our 2020 volunteer award winners will be recognized at PPHFH's Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 15, 2021 with the hope that we will be able to meet again for an in-person celebration. It will also be kindly sponsored by GE Johnson Construction Company.

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 homeownership in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.

###