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## Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and Wells Fargo team in Fountain, Colorado and across the country to help build affordable housing

Fountain, CO **(Nov. 16, 2020)** – Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) with a \$15,000 grant to build an affordable home in Fountain, Colorado. The funding is part of an \$8.1 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International for capacity building and direct mission support to build, renovate and repair more than 350 affordable homes across the United States. The grant is provided through Wells Fargo Builds<sup>™</sup> and is part of the Wells Fargo Foundation's \$1 billion philanthropic commitment to create more housing affordability solutions by 2025.

"We have a rich history of partnering with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity to strengthen our neighborhoods and communities through philanthropy and volunteerism." said Dawn Champiny, Wells Fargo Southern Colorado region bank president. "We are proud of our ability to help make homeownership dreams become a reality through our partnership with Habitat, providing safe and stable housing that makes a positive impact in the lives of people in the diverse communities we serve."

Wells Fargo Builds provides philanthropic financial assistance from the Wells Fargo Foundation to support the construction, renovation, painting or repairing of homes with low-to-moderate income households. In 2019 alone, Wells Fargo employees volunteered more than 1.9 million hours of service to strengthen their communities, including building, repairing, and improving 674 homes across the U.S. with several organizations through Wells Fargo Builds.

"Habitat's mission statement includes 'bringing people together to build homes, community and hope'," says Kris Lewis Medina, PPHFH Executive Director/CEO. "Working with Wells Fargo, that is exactly what this national and local partnership is doing. And, we are absolutely thrilled that Wells Fargo is partnering once again with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity."

The grant will support the construction of a new two-bedroom home in Fountain for a single mother and her son. This is one of three homes that will be built on "Micah's View", an infill lot in Fountain purchased by PPHFH. Micah's View is named in memory of Micah Tice, a U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School Cadet Candidate who, along with fellow Prep School cadet

candidates, supported PPHFH's house construction in 2018. His service helped the Prep School garner the 2018 PPHFH Volunteer Team of the Year award.

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