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**Winners Announced of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity’s Gingerbread Home Build Fundraising competition brings in over \$30,000 to support construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Build Home**

**Colorado Springs, CO (Jan. 31, 2021)** – In the second year of this gingerbread home decorating competition, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) raised over \$30,000 to support our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Veterans Build* home for local veteran Monya and her family.

The winners are:

- 1st Place: Sam and Melanie Adams
- 2nd Place: ANB Bank
- 3rd Place: Caliber Home Loans



1<sup>st</sup> Place Gingerbread House by Sam & Melanie Adams

[The awards announcement video can be seen here.](#) More information about the fundraiser can be seen on PPFH’s website [here](#). Nineteen Builders decorated gingerbread house kits, and then invited family, friends, and co-workers to vote for each house by donations. A total of 142 community members and organizations voted, and proceeds are going toward construction costs for Monya’s new Habitat house. This event was generously sponsored by “Title Builder” [Caliber Home Loans](#), “Presenting Builder” [ANB Bank](#), and “Media Builder” [Mountain Country](#).



Monya’s family

This year’s *Veterans Build* home began construction in January at PPFH’s new 30-lot development, *The Ridge at Sand Creek*, located at Galley Rd and Babcock Rd.

Eligible families like Monya’s must show a need for affordable housing such as overcrowding, unhealthy or unsanitary conditions, unaffordable rent, unsafe neighborhood; a willingness to partner by completing homebuyer education classes (credit counseling; budgeting/money management; protecting assets; and more); investing 200 hours of “sweat equity” to build their house; and they must purchase the house and pay the mortgage.



PPHFH's Development Committee will soon begin preparing for the 2021 Gingerbread Home Build to take place in December. Individuals interested in joining the Event Planning Committee are asked to contact Sarah Bunch, PPHFH Donor Relations Manager, by email [sarah@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:sarah@pikespeakhabitat.org) or phone 719.475.7800 ext. 110; or Iain Probert, PPHFH Director of Strategic Partnerships, by email [iain@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:iain@pikespeakhabitat.org) or phone 719.475.7800 ext. 105.

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

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity builds permanent, 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 191 families with affordable homeownership in El Paso County. For more information, visit [pikespeakhabitat.org](http://pikespeakhabitat.org).

### **About Veterans Build**

[Veterans Build](#) is a national program established in 2013 by Habitat for Humanity International to address the housing solutions for veterans as they transition from military to civilian life.

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity joined this initiative as a Veterans Build affiliate in 2019 to help serve military service members, veterans, and their families in El Paso County.