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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Hosts “Interfaith Build for Unity” Ground Blessing

WHAT: On March 21, 2021 Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) will celebrate a virtual ground blessing of the inaugural “Interfaith Build for Unity” house for Ms. Andino and her family. 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.

Join Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, future homeowner Ms. Andino, and special guests to celebrate this joyous occasion virtually via Zoom.

WHO:

In order of appearance:

Eric Stolp, Board of Directors, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Rabbi Iah Pillsbury, Temple Beit Torah
Geshe Wangden Tashi, Colorado Springs Tibetan Meditation Center
Feda Jodeh, Islamic Society of Colorado Springs
Rev. Dr. Jacque Franklin, First Congregational Church
Kris Medina, Executive Director/CEO, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Ms. Andino, Future Habitat Homeowner

Overseeing the event and video production:

Dustin Alarid, Faith in Action Program Manager, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Interfaith Build for Unity participants to date include members from:

BodhiMind Center; Christ the King Lutheran Church; Colorado College Chaplain’s Office; Colorado College Hillel; Colorado Springs Tibetan Meditation Center; First Congregational Church; Grace & St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church; Humanists & Freethinkers of Colorado Springs; Islamic Society of Colorado Springs; Sunrise United Methodist; Temple Beit Torah; Temple Shalom; Pikes Peak Interfaith Coalition; and Y360 which is “a multi-cultural team of creative communicators passionate about people, cultures and positive change”.

WHEN: Sunday, March 21, 2021 – 3:00 - 3:30 pm MST

WHERE: Zoom - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please register in advance for this meeting:

https://thrivent.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IKu6ulPgSTOwfyoYtIZMAw

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.

To further promote the cause of unity, members of the PPHFH Faith Relations Committee created "Together as One -- Introducing the Interfaith Build for Unity", a video that can be seen on [YouTube](#).

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About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We build permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers. Partner families purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 191 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).