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The Newsletter of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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Why Home Matters for Health: How Families Can Prosper with Greater Access to Decent, Affordable Housing

Decent, affordable housing improves physical and mental health.

- Homeowners are more likely to occupy homes with fewer repair needs than renter households, and housing problems are more acute for low-income households.¹
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified home improvement as one of six evidence based, high-impact solutions for addressing social determinants of health. Improving housing quality improves general health status, respiratory health and mental health and reduces the risk of injury.^{2,3}
- Decreasing housing costs for cost-burdened households (those spending more than half of their household expenditures on housing) frees resources to spend on nutritious food and health care and limits overcrowding to minimize the spread of respiratory infectious diseases.^{4,5}
- According to Children's HealthWatch, unstable housing for families with children leads to \$111 billion in increased health and educational costs over 10 years.⁶

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Juan and Guadalupe, Habitat repair program partners



How Habitat Contributes

- Habitat lowers the cost of homeownership and makes it easier for future homeowners to access quality housing. Thanks to our affordable mortgages, families who partner with Habitat have the ability to prioritize investing in their families' health and wellness.
- Habitat's repair programs offer homeowners the opportunity to affordably address acute housing problems and improve the quality of their homes. This is especially true for older homeowners, which make up 54% of those served through Habitat's nation-wide repair programs. Repairs enable homeowners to grow old in their homes and continue to rely on their local community support systems.
- Habitat advocates to expand resources for programs that increase access for lower-income households to repair or purchase healthy homes.

A Million Dollar Milestone: The Tradition of Tithing at Pikes Peak Habitat

Building homes, communities, and hope both locally and abroad

At Pikes Peak Habitat, we are passionate about ensuring that everyone, everywhere, has a safe and decent place to live. Not only do we build and repair homes every year in El Paso County, but we also contribute to international development projects around the world. Since our founding in 1986, we have been proud to consistently tithe 10% of all Pikes Peak Habitat's undesignated funds to Habitat for Humanity International projects. Most recently, our tithes support the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Fund and projects in Côte d'Ivoire and Nepal.

And now, in our 35th year, we have reached a milestone that few thought possible – we have reached **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** in tithes to Habitat projects in developing nations around the world! Habitat for Humanity International recently presented Pikes Peak Habitat with the Sam Mompongo Award in honor of this achievement. Sam Mompongo was an educator and leader in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who helped start Habitat's tithing tradition.

\$1M in tithes equates to affordable housing solutions for over 250 families! At Pikes Peak Habitat, we are honored to support the incredible work that serves vulnerable populations worldwide. There is a great need for housing globally, and until every person has a decent place to live, we have no plans to slow down!



Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity tithes bring hope to families in need in Côte d'Ivoire



A Nepalese future homeowner working on her sweat equity

With Thanks, From Our Tithing Partners



“Now we do not have to fear of heavy rain and storm. We can sleep peacefully without fear. Thanks for helping us with this new house and a future filled with hope.”

- Shukumar family, one of the families helped by our tithes to the Orphan & Vulnerable Groups Fund

- **1,644 families built safe and secure housing**
- **20,190 families accessed housing financial services**
- **At least 150 women became joint or sole landowners, breaking patriarchal norms that denied women property rights.**

- our tithes contributed to the FY 2020 impact of Habitat for Humanity Nepal

Letter from our Executive Director/CEO



Kris Lewis Medina, Executive Director/CEO

On behalf of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and the families we serve, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all that helped support our home-building and repair efforts during the challenging year of 2020. Despite volunteer and operational restrictions, Habitat homeowners joined staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters across the El Paso County region to raise vital funds to move our work forward. Because of your unwavering commitment, we finished constructing 11 new homes and nine repair projects for low-income families in El Paso County in 2020. Looking back, 2020 brought many hardships, but it also became a stark reminder that the health and heartbeat of our communities begin at home.

This year, in 2021, we celebrate Pikes Peak Habitat's 35th year of providing affordable housing solutions for El Paso County citizens and our targeted global partners. Looking back, I'm humbled by the decades of life-changing impact our community's support has

created since our founding in 1986. Over these 35 years, we've served over 440 families through our homeownership and repair programs and our international tithes.

Together, our impact continues to grow. In 2021, we will celebrate many new beginnings, including constructing seven new homes, new repair projects, and the grand opening of our second ReStore in northeast Colorado Springs. We are also celebrating the extraordinary milestone of breaking \$1M in tithes from our affiliate to Habitat projects in developing nations worldwide. In January of this year, we finished and sold the last home inside our Country Living neighborhood in Fountain. Beginning in 2012, our Country Living neighborhood now hosts 34 homes, built by Pikes Peak Habitat and our countless supporters over the years. These homes stand as a testament to our community's dedication to helping our neighbors in need, and they continue to provide shelter, stability, and security for their 34 families.

Thank you to the multitude of companies, congregations, individuals, and foundations that have donated funds, materials, and services to help build the communities that we all care about so deeply. Our work is far from over, and I hope that you will continue to support affordable homeownership for low-income families in these coming months.

Yours in Partnership,

Kris Lewis Medina
Executive Director/CEO

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BUILD SITES

COUNTRY LIVING IN FOUNTAIN:

- 🔑 We completed our last home in this neighborhood, our 2020 Thrivent Faith Build, and released a virtual Home Dedication for Crystal's family in December— watch the video by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone's camera or at pikespeakhabitat.org/current-builds.



Homeowner Crystal and her children during their virtual Home Dedication

Scan to watch Crystal's family's virtual Home Dedication video

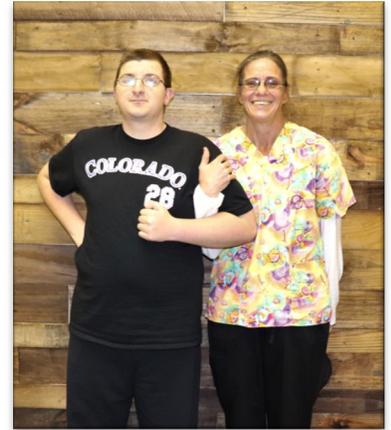


THE RIDGE AT SAND CREEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS:

- 🔑 We began construction of three homes in January including our:
 - ➡ 3rd Annual Veteran Build
 - ➡ Clark Land Surveying Build

MICAH'S VIEW IN FOUNTAIN:

- 🔑 We began construction of two homes in January, including our 2nd George Hammond Build and the future home of Dawn's family (pictured right).



Future Homeowner Dawn and her son Cody

Gingerbread Home Build Goes Virtual and Achieves Over \$30K for Veterans Build

Families and companies from across El Paso County came together with creativity, generosity, and holiday cheer to raise much-needed funds during our 2020 Gingerbread Home Build event last December. In its second year, the peer-to-peer gingerbread home decorating competition raised over \$30,000 to support the construction of our 3rd Annual Veterans Build - a decent, affordable home for Monya, a local veteran, and her family. This year's event raised 132% of its \$23K goal, with the festively decorated gingerbread homes garnering donation votes from one hundred forty-two community members and organizations. The three Builders (participants) who raised the most money for the Veterans Build are winners of the competition. They are 1st Place: Sam and Melanie Adams, 2nd Place: ANB Bank, and 3rd Place: Caliber Home Loans. This event was made possible by our generous sponsors: "Title Builder" Caliber Home Loans, "Presenting Builder" ANB Bank, and "Media Builder" Mountain Country Radio. Thank you to all who supported this event and ultimately made affordable homeownership possible for a local veteran!



(Left to right) Sam Adams, presented with his 1st Place Winner plaque for our 2020 Gingerbread Home Build by Iain Probert, PPHFH Director of Strategic Partnerships

Soon, we will begin preparing for our 2021 Gingerbread Home Build to take place this December. PPHFH's Development Committee is seeking individuals interested in joining the Event Planning Committee for this exciting event. Interested individuals should contact Iain Probert, PPHFH Director of Strategic Partnerships, at iain@pikespeakhabitat.org or 719.475.7800 ext. 105, or visit pikespeakhabitat.org/volunteer-beyond.



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NORTHEAST LOCATION GRAND OPENING COMING THIS SUMMER

Located inside the Dublin Commons shopping complex off of Tutt Blvd. in Colorado Springs



NEW PROCESS IN 2021 FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE DONATIONS

The Enterprise Zone Contribution Tax Credit provides tax credits to Colorado taxpayers that contribute to targeted Enterprise Zone (EZ) Projects. In 2021 through 2026, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) has two EZ Projects!

For contributions to either project, donors can claim 25% of check donations as a state income tax credit and/or 12.5% of in-kind donations as a state income tax credit. These tax credits are capped at \$100,000 per taxpayer per tax year, but the remaining credits can carry forward up to five years.

Check Donations of \$250 or More are Eligible for a 25% State Income Tax Credit



How to Donate by Check:

1. Make your check payable to "Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone"
2. Write "PPHFH" in the check memo
3. **NEW in 2021** - Indicate which of Pikes Peak Habitat's two EZ Projects you would like your donation to support:
 - a. Home-building at the Ridge at Sand Creek in Colorado Springs
 - b. Home-building at Micah's View in Fountain
4. Mail your check to our business office at 2802 N. Prospect St., Colorado Springs CO 80907.

First-Time EZ Donor?

If you haven't made a donation to PPFH through EZ before, you must provide one of the following with your donation:

- the last four digits of the primary taxpayer's social security number
- full business EIN

In-Kind Donations of \$250 or More are Eligible for a 12.5% State Income Tax Credit



How to Donate Stock:

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Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
Bradford A. Gann, CFP®, CRPC®
Private Wealth Advisor at 2438 Research Parkway, Suite 105, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
O: 719.328.1050 x 121 | F: 719.328.1061

How to Donate Goods or Services to Our Construction Sites:

Contact Greg Kovach, our Director of Operations, at 719.475.7800 ext 107 or greg@pikespeakhabitat.org

Prior Approval Needed for Non-Stock In-Kind Contributions:

All in-kind contributions, with the exception of stock contributions, must receive prior approval from the Pikes Peak EZ Administrator. This prior approval will be coordinated by PPFH staff after an initial consult with the donor.

After We Receive Your Donation:

1. PPFH staff will process your donation with the Enterprise Zone Administrator.
2. The Enterprise Zone Administrator will issue and mail a "Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution" (DR0075) form to you. (This may take 4-6 weeks from the date of your donation.)
3. Use this form to file your taxes for the state income tax credit.

Thank You for Supporting Affordable Homeownership for El Paso County Families!
Questions? Contact Demie Fultz, Donor Relations Specialist, at 719.475.7800 ext.113 or demie@pikespeakhabitat.org.

Prestigious George Hammond Award Awarded to Second Recipient



Harry Moore, 2nd Recipient of the George Hammond Award, framing a Habitat home

In 2018, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's Board of Directors created the George Hammond Award to honor the legacy, extraordinary service, and outstanding contributions of our long-time volunteer George Hammond. This award recognizes volunteers who are genuinely noteworthy for their contributions to our mission- a constant supporter, a persistent advocate, and, most importantly, a dedicated leader.

In December of 2020, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) had the honor of presenting the George Hammond Award to its second recipient, Harry Moore. Watch the surprise announcement and award presentation caught on video by scanning the QR code below. Harry has been building homes for El Paso County families through his dedicated volunteer service with PPFH for almost seven years. "We have accomplished quite a lot since I have started volunteering here. I have been involved in about 40 homes," said Harry. Harry is

also a champion supporter of our Thrivent Faith Builds. As a Thrivent Financial member, Harry organizes volunteers from his church, Family of Christ Lutheran, to join him on the construction site to build our Thrivent Faith Build homes. Harry on why he loves volunteering, "Sense of accomplishment. There is an old country song about once lived a man with all he ever wanted. I have been given so much in life. It's just time to give something back."

A George Hammond Build home is a unique endeavor for PPFH and our volunteers. Each home is built to honor its recipient, and its construction is undertaken entirely by PPFH's Core Volunteers, except required trades. The 1st George Hammond Build, named in George's honor, was completed in 2019 and sold to Danyale, a single mother of four children. The 2nd George Hammond Build, named in Harry's honor, began construction in January and is expected to be completed and sold to Christopher and Krystle's family in September of this year. George Hammond homes stand as a legacy to the hard work and selfless service of the esteemed volunteers who are extraordinarily committed to building decent, affordable homes for their fellow neighbors. The loyalty and self-sacrifice of these exceptional volunteers propel our mission every day. Their dedication to building better communities for El Paso County families is a shining beacon of strength and hope to our community. Learn more about the 2nd George Hammond Build and Christopher and Krystle's family at pikespeakhabitat.org/current-builds.



*Scan to watch the 2nd
George Hammond
Award Recipient
announcement video*

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It's as simple as 1 – 2 – 3:

1. Decide how much of your refund to donate.
2. Enter Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and our registration number, 20023003432, in the Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund line on your state income tax return or tax software – or just give this info to your tax preparer when you share your tax documents.
3. Smile knowing you've helped low-income families achieve and maintain affordable homeownership!



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Our Mission

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.



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Questions? Call 719.475.7800 ext. 113

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