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Family Celebrates First New House Dedication at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's "Sand Creek" Neighborhood

WHAT: On Saturday, June 26, 2021 Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) will host a dedication celebration at Habitat's new "Sand Creek" neighborhood for Elizabeth's family.

Originally from California, Elizabeth moved with her parents to Colorado 10 years ago. She is a single mother, a teacher, and has two sons, Uriah and Isaiah. Elizabeth and her boys live in a two-bedroom apartment in Colorado Springs. The boys' doctor advised Elizabeth that they shouldn't share a room as they both have asthma. While a bigger home has been a goal since this diagnosis, it has been a struggle to pay rent, bills, and the basic needs of her family. Even their small apartment comes at a very high cost. Now, as a future homeowner with Habitat, Elizabeth is looking forward to having a backyard for her boys and a safe, permanent home for them to grow and be healthy.

The house for Elizabeth and her two young sons is sponsored by the Fund for Humanity. Monthly mortgage payments from Habitat homeowners go into the Fund for Humanity, as well as net proceeds from our ReStore, to build more affordable housing in El Paso County. The Fund for Humanity developed out of the concept of "partnership housing" centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build decent, affordable houses. Houses were built at no profit, and new homeowners' house payments were combined with no-interest loans provided by supporters and money earned by fundraising, which would then be used to build more homes. Today, the Fund for Humanity refers to a collection of funding sources, including capital from loan sale programs, loan payoffs, monthly Habitat mortgage payments, unrestricted fundraising, and net proceeds from the ReStore.

WHO: Kris Lewis Medina, Executive Director/CEO, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Iain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Janet Risley, Director of Homeowner Services, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity
Elizabeth, Future Habitat Homeowner
Laurel Thorstensen, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors

WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 2021
1:00 - 2:00 pm MST

WHERE: "The Ridge at Sand Creek" at Galley Rd and Babcock Rd
1. Take Galley Rd east crossing over N Academy Blvd
2. Continue east on Galley Rd, crossing N Murray Blvd, Wooten Rd
3. At the intersection of Babcock Rd and Galley Rd, turn right onto Babcock Rd. "The

Ridge at Sand Creek" will be on your left.
4. Make your first left onto Bidwell Dr
5. Stay on Bidwell until Beauport Dr. The Habitat trailer is at the corner of Bidwell and Beauport.

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.

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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. In addition to new construction, PPHFH also offers repairs for homeowners who are seniors (65 and older), veterans, and cost-burdened families. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.