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Wells Fargo donates \$15,000 to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity to help more families in El Paso County access decent, affordable housing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – (July 22, 2021) – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is one of more than 220 Habitat organizations awarded a grant from Wells Fargo as part of its nationwide initiative to help low-to-moderate income families construct and improve homes across the country.

“Far too many people across the country are facing housing instability and one of our key priorities is to create housing affordability solutions where everyone can have a safe and affordable place to call home,” said Wells Fargo Bank Colorado Region Bank President Keith Lobis. “We are proud to support Habitat for Humanity in providing homeownership opportunities for hundreds of families nationwide through Wells Fargo Builds.”

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity will receive \$15,000 and use the funding to help Lian and Zen build a safe and stable home for their three children in the Colorado Springs area.

Seeking refuge from political unrest and better opportunities for their family, Lian and Zen emigrated from Burma (Myanmar) to the United States with their firstborn daughter several years ago. Lian now works in a factory in Colorado Springs and Zen is a stay-at-home mother to their now three children.

The family currently lives in a three-bedroom apartment with high rent and only one bathroom. Their youngest daughter must also share a room with her parents. Now, as future homeowners with Habitat, they are looking forward to having enough space for their family, more privacy and a backyard where they can cultivate a garden.

“Habitat’s mission statement includes bringing people together to build homes, community and hope,” says Kris Lewis, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Executive Director/CEO. “By working with Wells Fargo we are making this a reality in El Paso County.”

The grant is part of a \$7.75 million donation Wells Fargo is making to Habitat for Humanity International through Wells Fargo Builds, an initiative that provides philanthropic financial support and volunteerism to create sustainable affordable housing. More than 340 homes will be constructed or repaired with Habitat in over 40 states through the initiative this year. Wells Fargo Builds is part of Wells Fargo’s \$1 billion philanthropic commitment to create more housing affordability solutions by 2025.



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 193 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 pikespeakhabitat.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).