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Ent Credit Union Sponsors New Trailer for Habitat for Humanity's Repair Program

Colorado Springs, CO (August 26, 2021) - Ent Credit Union is supporting Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's (PPHFH) Home Repairs Program with the purchase of a new trailer. At a recent Habitat event, Ent employees Candy Vandenberg (PPHFH Board of Directors) and Rick Nieves (Habitat for Humanity of Pueblo Board of Directors Vice President) showed off the trailer's new wrap.

PPHFH's Home Repairs Program offers exterior repairs for homeowners in El Paso County, and has completed four repair projects for veterans this summer. In 2020, nine families received much needed repairs.

The target population for repairs includes seniors (65 and older), veterans, and cost-burdened families that pay more than 30% of their household income on their housing. "Home Preservation" is work that includes exterior painting, landscaping, yard cleanup, concrete flatwork, tree trimming, sill/fascia/gutter repairs or replacement, debris cleanup, and fence repair, among other tasks. "Critical Home Repair" involves more extensive work to address health and safety issues or code violations, and includes such items as roofing, siding, window/door replacement and repair, or deck and ramp installation and repair.



Ent employees Candy Vandenberg and Rick Nieves with PPHFH's new Ent-sponsored repair trailer at the Pikes Peak Habitat ReStore Northeast in Colorado Springs.

Depending on the scope of work, repairs may cost up to \$10,000 per home. PPHFH determines a sliding fee scale based on a fixed percentage per household income/area median income (AMI) for partial repayment of the repair expense.

Ent has generously supported PPHFH since 2013, starting with an employee giving campaign initiated by former Ent Chief Community Officer Barbara Winters (she was Executive Vice President at the time). Over 120 employees worked on several projects in our Country Living development in

Fountain and raised nearly \$38,000--a perfect example of Ent's support of the community and the numerous not-for-profits, as well as promoting Ent staff involvement. PPHFH escrowed those funds to sponsor a new house in 2014 in Woodmen Vistas, our northeast Colorado Springs neighborhood. When the 2014 campaign ended for "The House That Ent Built" for a single mother and her son, Ent added another \$52,000, totaling \$90,000 (\$60,000 was a Habitat House Sponsorship at the time). Then in 2015, Ent employees raised over \$36,000 and volunteered more than 2,490 hours for "The 2nd House That Ent Built" for a family of eight in Fountain, Colorado.

Ent has partnered with Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF) to expand its philanthropic impact across the Colorado Front Range. This partnership streamlines the application processes, and ensures that there is better tracking of all requests and greater transparency for organizations requesting support.

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 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](#).

About Ent

Founded in 1957, Ent is a member-owned credit union with a passion for people, not for profit. With \$8+ billion in assets and over 420,000 owner-members across more than 40 convenient Front Range locations, Ent is Colorado's largest credit union. In addition to a reputation as a leader in philanthropy and financial literacy, Ent has been nationally recognized by Forbes as the overall #1 credit union in Colorado for four years running. Visit Ent.com for information on membership as well as on checking, savings, mortgage and lending products and services for members at all financial stages of life.

About Pikes Peak Community Foundation

Pikes Peak Community Foundation has been building community since 1928. We inspire generosity, serve donors, and mobilize resources to build community capital and effectively address issues facing the Pikes Peak Region. For more than 90 years, PPCF donors have invested more than \$100 million in nonprofit organizations throughout the Pikes Peak Region. Visit PPCF.org.

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