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The Newsletter of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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FALL 2020

Relaunch of our Home Repair Program

Program will serve nine homeowners through repair projects in 2020



Vietnam veteran Larry and his wife in front of their newly repaired home

Larry, a veteran of the Vietnam war, and his wife no longer have to worry about their hail-damaged roof or someone falling through their rotting deck. Through our Home Repair Program, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity made several repairs to the couple's home: replacing a broken, wooden ramp with a concrete one so Larry's wife could safely access their home in her wheelchair, replacing damaged fascia and soffits, completing replacing their roof, and, with the help of Larry's daughter and family who demolished the deck themselves, replacing a rotting deck with a new, stable one. Generous volunteers and supporters of the program made these repairs possible—supporters like American Roofing Supply who donated over \$3,500 of roofing materials, and Larry's family who crowdsourced nearly \$325 for the repairs!

There's a growing need for home repairs like these in El Paso County. In 2018, the US Census Bureau counted 82,235 El Paso County households as cost-burdened with little to no income for home repairs to maintain safe and healthy living conditions. This need increases every day, especially with the current health and economic crisis, forcing families to make do or do without. That's why, in addition to building

affordable homes throughout El Paso County, Pikes Peak Habitat decided to relaunch our Home Repair Program.

In 2017, we introduced a pilot repair program that successfully addressed seven El Paso County homeowners' home repair needs. This year, expanding on that pilot program's achievements, we've relaunched our Home Repair Program aiming to complete five home preservation repair projects and four critical home repair projects by the end of the year. All repair projects address conditions that threaten the residents' health or safety or limits access to and from a home. The program focuses on serving cost-burdened homeowners, veterans, and seniors in El Paso County.

Thanks to your support, our hard-working volunteers, and generous contributions from local organizations like Ent Credit Union, Mountain Springs Community Church, the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs, and Front Range Commercial, our Home Repair Program has already completed four repair projects. Our Home Repair Program will continue to increase Pikes Peak Habitat's capacity to serve our community, especially our seniors and veterans, as we plan to complete repair projects for about 20 more low-income homeowners through the program over the next three years. For more information about the program and how you can help support it, please visit pikespeakhabitat.org/homerepairprogram. Thank you for helping preserve homes, revitalize neighborhoods, and build a better El Paso County!



Volunteer Linda Owen uses a jack hammer to make room for a wheelchair ramp

Building Hope in the Thrivent Faith Build

Meet Crystal, Future Habitat Homeowner

As a single mother of three, Crystal knows all too well the challenge of finding a decent place to live—a home that is affordable, spacious enough for the entire family, and located in a safe neighborhood.

Crystal and her three children currently live in an overcrowded two-bedroom condo. That’s right, two bedrooms for a mom and three teens! Crystal sleeps in the living room so that her daughters can share a room and her son can have his own space. In their cramped rental, privacy is almost non-existent, and it is nearly impossible for the kids to find time to concentrate on homework.

Now, as a future homeowner with Habitat, Crystal finally has the opportunity to own an affordable, permanent home. The entire family will finally have enough space, and they can rest assured, knowing they’ll be part of a community where their neighbors take care of each other.

Crystal has always put her children first. She has made sacrifices to ensure that they have everything they need. But now, with a stable living situation and an affordable mortgage, she will finally have the opportunity to pursue her dream of earning a degree to become a surgical technician.

We are more than five months into the build, and despite the challenges faced through the COVID-19 crisis, Crystal’s home has made significant progress. We’ve installed the countertops, cabinets, and floors, and we’re on track for a virtual Home Dedication this December!



Future Homeowner Crystal and Board Member Eric Stolp work together on a fence during day of volunteering for our Board of Directors

We owe this progress to the incredible support of Thrivent Financial and the local church communities of El Paso County. It has truly been a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ coming together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For their selfless support to the Thrivent Faith Build home and beyond, we would like to thank:

- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Catholic Diocese of COS Young Adult Ministries
- Family of Christ Lutheran Church
- First Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs
- Heights Church
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- International Anglican Church
- Mountain Springs Church
- Rock Family Church
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

To learn how your church can get involved with the Thrivent Faith Build, contact Dustin Alarid, our Faith in Action Program Manager, at dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org or 719.722.4967.



Core Volunteers make significant progress on the Thrivent Faith Build home for Crystal’s family

Letter from a Board Member:

Eric Stolp



Eric Stolp, PPHFH Board Member, during a Habitat and Thrivent global Village trip in Budapest, Hungary

Being a part of the Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) family means a great deal to me. As one of the newest board members to PPHFH, it is an honor to serve alongside the staff, board, and the El Paso County community on the fantastic work Habitat provides.

My first involvement with Habitat was about a decade ago when I stepped foot on a volunteer site in Phoenix, Arizona. I was introduced and volunteered beside several servant-minded Phoenicians in the scorching Arizona sun and found myself hooked, loving volunteering from day one.

In 2014, my family and I moved to Colorado Springs, and since then, my involvement with the Thrivent Faith Build has continually increased. I saw and continue to see the tremendous impact PPHFH has in our community by providing affordable housing in El Paso County.

My role as a Engagement Leader with Thrivent introduced me to the Pikes Peak Habitat affiliate, and for that, I'm grateful. The deep-rooted partnership between our two organizations has allowed me to participate firsthand in the meaningful work Habitat does, not only in Arizona and in Colorado but also internationally.

In 2019, together with PPHFH Executive Director Kris Medina, I experienced my first Global Village trip in Budapest, Hungary. That experience opened my eyes, showing me that helping provide affordable housing supersedes language and culture. I experienced true expressions of love and gratitude through the Hungarian family we met, and it stirred my heart to want to give back more. When I returned from that trip a year ago, I began to ask questions about how I could further advocate and serve with PPHFH.

That guided me here, and I'm honored to now be a board member, serving together with the El Paso County community. Everyone deserves a decent place to live, and I'd encourage everyone reading this to join us. Come experience God's love in action to help build homes, community, and hope.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BUILD SITES

COUNTRY LIVING NEIGHBORHOOD IN FOUNTAIN:

-  We released a virtual Home Dedication for Sumonrat's family in September– *watch the video by launching the QR code to the right with your phone's camera app or at pikespeakhabitat.org/current-builds*
-  Aracely closed on her family's home in September
-  We completed renovations of an existing Habitat home to become Gladis' family's home in October
-  Our Thrivent Faith Build is on track and a virtual Home Dedication will be released in December

MICAH'S VIEW IN FOUNTAIN & THE RIDGE AT SAND CREEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS:

-  Two homes scheduled to begin in Micah's View in November
-  Five homes scheduled to begin in The Ridge at Sand Creek in 2021 – three homes begin in January



Homeowner Sumonrat and her son Jefferson during their Home Dedication



Homeowner Gladis and her daughter Alina

Love in Action Donation to Transform the Lives of 30 Families

Habitat Homes to Begin in Colorado Springs Neighborhood

According to the Pikes Peak Association of Realtors, only 996 homes were listed for sale in the Pikes Peak Region in September, with the average cost of these homes skyrocketing to \$431,293. As El Paso County experiences these historic housing shortages and exorbitant prices, Love in Action, a local nonprofit, has generously opened a path for sustainable, affordable housing through their donation of 30 developed lots in Colorado Springs to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity – a gift worth over \$2 million!

Pikes Peak Habitat will build 30 homes on these lots to be sold to Habitat partner families, enabling 30 families to achieve affordable homeownership at a time when affordable homeownership proves impossible for so many in El Paso County. The development of the 30 lots, which are inside a 90-home neighborhood in Colorado Springs called



Architect's depiction of a five-bedroom home in The Ridge at Sand Creek neighborhood

The Ridge at Sand Creek, began in 2019 and continues as Love in Action executes land development approvals and the installation of utilities, sidewalks, and other infrastructure elements. Once the land development is complete, Pikes Peak Habitat will begin the phased construction of five homes for current partner families. We'll build the five homes similar to our other Habitat homes: built with E-Star certification for energy-efficiency, as well as heavy reliance on volunteer labor and donated materials and services. The homes will each have one-car garages, something relatively new for our homes, to protect the future homeowners' cars from hail damage and meet Metro District guidelines. Two of our most exciting builds, our Interfaith Build for Unity and 2021 Thrivent Faith Build, will be among the neighborhood's homes. Follow these upcoming builds and their future homeowners at pikespeakhabitat.org/current-builds.

Together As One: Interfaith Build for Unity

Building Homes, Unity, and Hope

While El Paso County is home to a diversity of opinions and beliefs, one thing we can all agree on is that everyone deserves a safe and decent place to call home. Through our Interfaith Build for Unity, we are bringing together congregations and communities from a variety of beliefs and faith traditions to volunteer, side-by-side, to build affordable homes for families in El Paso County. It will be a time of celebrating community, cooperation, and love for one's neighbor.

In celebration of this monumental project's launch, we have released a brand new promotional video entitled "Together as One". This teaser video features local community leaders representing a variety of different beliefs, cultures, and backgrounds. The video is truly inspiring—yet, it is only the beginning! There are more exciting things just around the corner.

If you would like to learn about how you or your faith community can get involved, take a look at our new webpage: pikespeakhabitat.org/interfaith. There, you can sign up for updates and be among the first to know when details are announced! Also, feel free to reach out to Dustin Alarid, our Faith in Action Program Manager, with any questions. You can reach Dustin at dustin@pikespeakhabitat.org or 719.722.4967.



Watch the Interfaith Build for Unity "Together as One" promo video at pikespeakhabitat.org/interfaith or by launching the QR code to the right with your phone's camera app.



Adopt-A-Days: Companies Building Hope

Build a Stronger Team and a Stronger Community

Many businesses are now seeing the short- and long-term benefits of bringing employees outside the office walls and into the volunteer space. Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity offers organizations the opportunity to strengthen their teams and the El Paso County community. Corporate volunteering challenges team members to work together, and employees return to the workplace motivated, connected, and inspired. We provide all the tools, materials, and training—you provide a tax-deductible donation and the helping hands!

By donating \$2,500 (based on one group of 10 volunteers —talk to us about scaling up), your organization covers the cost of building materials for a workday and helps transform the lives of Habitat partner families through affordable homeownership. Each group may schedule their volunteer experience on any available Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. COVID-19 prevention measures are in place on-site and strictly enforced. To learn more or to schedule an Adopt-A-Day with Pikes Peak Habitat, please contact Sarah Buchen, Construction Volunteer Coordinator, at 719.290.1969 or volunteer@pikespeakhabitat.org. Or visit our website at pikespeakhabitat.org/sponsorships-adopt/.



Boecore, Inc. volunteers working together on a Habitat home during one of their two Adopt-A-Days in 2020

Habitat Campaign Continues Work to Make the Cost of Home Affordable for All

One in seven families in Colorado spends half or more of their income every month on housing. For many, covering the cost of a safe, decent place to live means sacrificing other basic needs like nutritious food, health care, education opportunities, and transportation. In fact, today, there is virtually nowhere in the U.S. where a full-time employee earning minimum wage can afford a two-bedroom apartment. The rising cost of land, lack of skilled labor, and burdensome regulatory restrictions have made building affordable homes incredibly challenging in many communities. Those costs get passed on to low- and middle-income families. This is unacceptable.

Expanding access to affordable housing for residents in El Paso County gives families more opportunities to thrive.

That's why we at Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and other local Habitat affiliates across the country are putting the pressure on elected officials and candidates through Habitat's national advocacy campaign, Cost of Home, to support policies that will improve housing affordability. More than 300 local Habitat organizations across the country are working together to expand efforts to influence policy and systems change at the local, state, and federal level in four key areas: increasing supply and preservation of affordable homes, equitably increasing access to credit, optimizing land use for affordable homes, and ensuring access to and development of communities of opportunity.

Habitat's Cost of Home's federal policy agenda outlines ten high-impact policy solutions for increasing affordability nationally. This includes federal policies focused on: expanding down-payment assistance, increasing and strengthening the HOME program that provides grants to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities, and creating half a million Opportunity Vouchers to help very low-income families access affordable homes in neighborhoods with opportunities to move up the economic ladder, among others. As part of this effort, Habitat is working to pass the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (NHIA), bipartisan legislation that creates a tax credit to make it economically feasible to rehabilitate homes to increase homeownership opportunities and help distressed communities thrive. We must continue to raise our voices on the need for affordable housing in El Paso County and across the nation to show our elected leaders that they should prioritize policies that will put safe, decent housing in reach for more families. Habitat for Humanity volunteers build homes in communities across all 50 states. Now, we're not only lifting our hammers, but our voices to make sure the cost of home is something we all can afford.



A Habitat supporter pledges to vote to make the cost of home affordable



Help Habitat make the #CostofHome something we can all afford.

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New Habitat ReStore Comes to Northeast Colorado Springs in 2021



PPPHF Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina presents at the Ground Blessing ceremony

Amid the pandemic's economic insecurity, Pikes Peak Habitat is taking on the challenge of building a second ReStore to help raise funds and awareness for affordable housing in El Paso County. ReStore Northeast will greatly expand our capacity to serve the El Paso County community and further our mission, all with the support of donors, shoppers, and volunteers. Construction of the store begins this fall with expectations of a grand opening in the spring of 2021.

The Ground Blessing ceremony for ReStore Northeast took place on September 24th. Our Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina, Director of Strategic Partnerships Iain Probert, and our Board of Directors President Ryan Mohling spoke to stakeholders about the new store's importance.

The ReStore helps builders, contractors, suppliers, and individuals by accepting tax-deductible donations of new and slightly used construction material, plumbing and electrical supplies, cabinets, home furnishings, and more that are sold to the public at discounts 50%-70% below retail or recycled. Net proceeds from sales and recycling help provide permanent, affordable housing for qualifying future Habitat homeowners. The ReStore also helps other homeowners in our community by offering savings on home-improvement items.

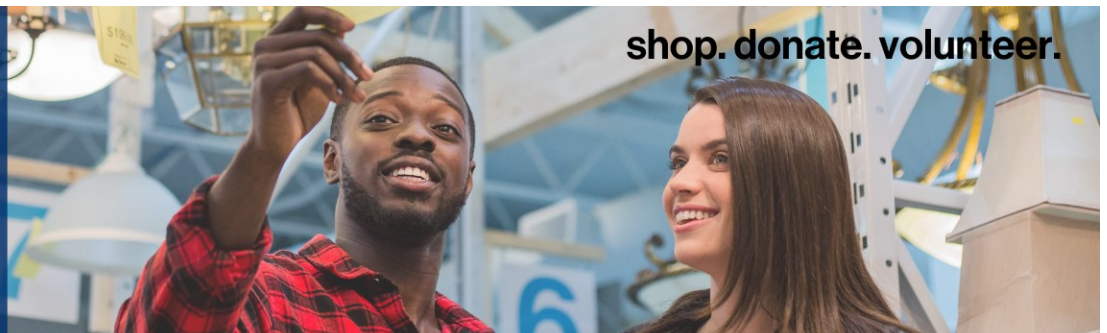
Our first ReStore, located at 411 S. Wahsatch Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado, opened in 2004 and has since become a store recognized by Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat affiliates nationwide for its business achievements. Last year the ReStore helped fund six Habitat homes in El Paso County. It also kept 1,304 tons of donated material out of the landfill and regularly recycled porcelain (used to create a road base for the city), metal, and cardboard, generating more revenue for building houses. In 2020 and 2018, the Colorado Institute for Social Impact / Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado awarded the ReStore the "Social Impact Business of the Year" PRISM Award.



Pictured from left to right: PPPHF COO Jeff White, PPPHF Board President Ryan Mohling, and PPPHF Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina break ground on ReStore Northeast



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Our Vision

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\$300 Deduction for Gifts to Charity



If You Take the Standard Deduction:

You can take an "above the line" tax deduction for direct donations* made to qualifying charities in 2020, up to \$300 per return, in addition to the standard deduction!

Deduct up to 100% of AGI for Gifts to Charity



If You Itemize Your Deductions:

You can take a tax deduction of up to 100% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for direct donations* made to qualifying charities in 2020 (usually limited to 60%). Donations that exceed 100% can carry over to the next tax year!

Deduct up to 25% of ATI for Corporate Gifts to Charity



Corporations can take a tax deduction of up to 25% of their adjusted taxable income (ATI) for direct donations* made to qualifying charities in 2020 (usually limited to 10%). Donations that exceed 25% can carry over to the next tax year!

Ways to Give to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

- ♥ One-Time Gift
- ♥ Set Up Monthly, Quarterly, or Annual Gifts
- ♥ Gifts Made in Honor or Memory
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Questions?

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