



## NEWS RELEASE

### Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent, and local churches come together in celebration of one Colorado Springs family's dream of homeownership

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. (Jan. 22, 2022)** – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent, and local Christian churches dedicated a home on January 22, 2022 as part of the ongoing partnership between Habitat and Thrivent, which helps families in the U.S. and across the globe obtain strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Through the partnership of Habitat and Thrivent, local churches, and other volunteers, Brittany is realizing the dream of owning her own home.

"It's amazing to know that there are programs out here that help people achieve this next step of the American dream," said Brittany. "It's hard for anyone to do it, and to do it alone is even harder. I've felt really alone a lot, but then I realized that I wasn't really alone and that there is help out there; you just have to find it, and you have to be willing to put in the work to find it, then you can [achieve homeownership]".

To date, 15 homes have been built or rehabbed in El Paso County through the partnership between Habitat and Thrivent.



Brittany and her son

"Thrivent's partnership helps Pikes Peak Habitat increase the number of families served in our community by helping them become first-time homeowners," said Kris Lewis, Executive Director/CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat. "We are so grateful for Thrivent's support of our efforts to build homes in partnership with families in need of permanent affordable housing. It's a wonderful way to strengthen, stabilize, and move families closer to self-reliance."

Since the Habitat and Thrivent Partnership began in 2005 Thrivent and its members have contributed more than \$268 million and more than 6.1 million volunteer hours to Habitat.

"Working in partnership and advocating for affordable housing by building homes together here in the Pikes Peak region is something we're very proud of at Thrivent," said Eric Stolp, Engagement Specialist with Thrivent. "It's always a rewarding experience when we get to work alongside volunteers who donate their time, talents and treasures to strengthen our community."

Thrivent remains one of the largest non-governmental supporters of Habitat for Humanity International.

For more information about the Habitat and Thrivent partnership, visit [Thrivent.com/Habitat](https://Thrivent.com/Habitat). To learn about local volunteer opportunities, visit [pikespeakhabitat.org](https://pikespeakhabitat.org).

#### **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 200 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](https://www.pikespeakhabitat.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

#### **About Thrivent**

Thrivent is a membership-owned fraternal organization, as well as a holistic financial services organization, providing financial advice, investments, insurance, banking and generosity programs to help people make the most of all they've been given. For more information, visit [Thrivent.com](https://Thrivent.com). You can also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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