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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Dedicates First “Interfaith Build for Unity” Home

WHAT: On Sunday, March 27, 2022, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) will host a home dedication celebration at Habitat’s “Sand Creek” neighborhood for Ms. Andino’s family. Bringing together a dedicated group of volunteers from a diverse set of faiths and beliefs, the Interfaith Build for Unity (IBU) project encourages people to put aside their differences, put their faith into action, and to work together to build homes, communities, and hope. This is the first IBU home to be completed, and a second IBU home has begun in the same neighborhood.

The public is invited to join this celebration that will include comments from various faith community leaders, a round dance led by the Native American Women’s Association (all are invited to participate), and a performance by the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale. The keys to the new house will be presented to Ms. Andino, and attendees will have an opportunity to view her home.

WHO: Kris Lewis, Executive Director/CEO, PPFH
Iain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships, PPFH
Chloe Henry, Faith in Action Program Manager, PPFH
Janet Risley, Director of Homeowner Services, PPFH
Ms. Andino, Future Habitat Homeowner

Participants of IBU volunteer days and events include members from:
BodhiMind Center; Broadmoor Community Church; Christ the King Lutheran Church; Colorado College Chaplain’s Office; Colorado College Hillel; Colorado Springs Tibetan Meditation Center; First Christian Church; First Congregational Church; Grace & St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church; Humanists & Freethinkers of Colorado Springs; Islamic Society of Colorado Springs; Native American Women’s Association; Pikes Peak Interfaith Coalition; Sunrise United Methodist; Temple Beit Torah; Temple Shalom; USAFA Community Chapel; and Y360 which is “a multi-cultural team of creative communicators passionate about people, cultures, and positive change”.

WHEN: Sunday, March 27, 2022
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

WHERE: [Meet at 876 Bidwell Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80915 \(near the Habitat trailer\)](#)
1. Take Galley Rd east crossing over N Academy Blvd

2. Continue east on Galley Rd, crossing N Murray Blvd and Wooten Rd
3. At the intersection of Babcock Rd and Galley Rd, turn right on Babcock Rd. "The Ridge at Sand Creek" will be on your left.
4. Make your first left on 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.

To further promote the cause of unity, members of the PPHFH Faith Relations Committee created "Together as One -- Introducing the Interfaith Build for Unity", a video that can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

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 201 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](#).

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