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Local Volunteers Honored by Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Every hand makes a difference.

Colorado Springs, CO (April 21, 2022) – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) celebrated its 2021 volunteers last night at The Pinery at the Hill in Colorado Springs. The following volunteers received recognition:

- **George Hammond Award: Tim Trowbridge**

This award was created in 2018 to honor the outstanding contributions of longtime volunteer George Hammond. This award is not presented annually, but rather bestowed when a volunteer is identified for their significant and positive contributions to the mission of PPHFH, showing tireless service to PPHFH, qualities of leadership, and unwavering belief in Habitat's ministry, as well as a deep devotion and passion to serve the community and people of El Paso County, Colorado.

- **Chris Brownlow Golden Hammer Award: Joe DesJardin**

This award is named in honor of Chris Brownlow and is presented to the individual who displays the joyful and loving qualities Chris consistently demonstrated. These characteristics include strong leadership, always performing work with joy and a positive attitude, having a servant spirit and conducting him or herself in a manner that is synonymous with the philosophy of Habitat for Humanity both within and outside of the organization.

- **Millard Fuller Award: John Lesnak and Phil Larish**

These volunteers demonstrate leadership, going above and beyond the call of duty, and exemplify asking others to get involved.

- **Linda Fuller Award: Lori Sorrels**

This volunteer does an outstanding job in working with our partner families, and exemplifies compassion and devotion for our Habitat partner families during and after their path to homeownership.

- **Journeyman Award: Suzanne Ballard**

This volunteer has made a long-term commitment to Habitat and performs vital behind-the-scenes work for our affiliate, and is ready and willing to do whatever is needed to keep Habitat running smoothly.

- **Construction Group of the Year Award:** *The Cutting Edge, Realtors*
This group volunteers frequently at our Habitat construction site. Not only do they demonstrate outstanding construction ability, but they also display spirit and devotion to building Habitat homes.
- **ReStore Group of the Year Award:** *Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)*
The group that volunteers frequently at our Habitat ReStore. Not only do they demonstrate outstanding retail ability, but they also display spirit and devotion to building Habitat homes.
- **The President's Volunteer Service Award** was also presented to individuals who achieved a prerequisite number of volunteer hours during 2021:

Lifetime Presidential Service Award (10,000+ hours): George Hammond

GOLD (500+ hours in one year): John Chittenden, John Comes, Mike Gallagher, George Hammond, Phil Larish, John Lesnak, Harry Moore, Barry Mullane, Jim Nolan, Mike Stillwell

SILVER (250-499 hours in one year): Suzanne Ballard, Frank Bernhard, Kevin Diers, Elder Joshua Feickert, Charlie Gray, Dean Hanson, Stuart Klein, Jason Kundrot, Paul McSpadden, Linda Owen, Ed Santucci, Gary Walters, Mike Waterlander

BRONZE (100-249 hours in one year): Mitchell Baldwin, Mary Banner, Russ Bogardus, Steve Boyce, Steve Corsi, Magdalena Dover, Brian Espravnik, Susan Farrar, Cathy Harrington, Edwin Hettler, Gable Jackson, Steve Lenzo, John Mack, David Morgan, Dean Myers, Josh Roberson, Bill Robertson, Diane Salkovich, Cole Scriven, Chris Seaver, Raymond Sherrier, Art Thorstensen, Laurel Thorstensen, Alyssa Washburn, Craig Webb, Jim Young

Volunteers are a vital resource for PPHFH with 90% of each PPHFH house built by volunteers under construction staff supervision. At the ReStore, volunteers allow us to run a strong business and still have net proceeds to support affordable housing. In 2021, a total of 2,164 volunteers gave 41,704 hours in construction of houses, service on the board of directors and/or committees, administrative assistance, and retail help in the ReStores.

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 202 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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