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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Honors Love In Action for Land Donation to Habitat Community

Five families have already moved in – 25 more homes to be built

Colorado Springs, CO (June 17, 2022) - Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) celebrated its community, The Ridge at Sand Creek, and recognized LeRoy Landhuis and Love In Action for making it possible by the donation of 30 lots to build Habitat homes.

A specially engraved granite bench was unveiled in honor of Love In Action and is installed in the Sand Creek community within the PPFH neighborhood. Ryan Panariso, Community Bank President of ANB Bank and president of the PPFH Board of Directors, provided a blessing over the bench.

Reflecting on the land donation to PPFH, LeRoy Landhuis, president of Love In Action, said, "I hope this is a blessing for our community, for the people who live here."

Kris Lewis, PPFH Executive Director/CEO, spoke about partnering with Love In Action to build attainable workforce housing, and the need for more housing. "We're here to build a neighborhood, we're here to create a very strong community, and we're doing that. It's because of so many of you in this room that advocate and understand that affordable housing is quality housing."

Attending guests included (among others):

Mary Bradfield, Colorado State Representative
Cami Bremer, El Paso County Commissioner
Dave Donelson, Colorado Springs City Council Member
Longinos Gonzalez, Jr., El Paso County Commissioner
Dennis Hisey, Colorado State Senator
Paul Lundeen, Colorado State Representative
Yemi Mobolade, Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidate



(L to R) Ryan Panariso, LeRoy Landhuis, and Kris Lewis toast the partnership of Love In Action and PPFH at the bench unveiling.

Andres Pico, Colorado State Senator
Steve Posey, Community Development Division Manager, City of Colorado Springs
Steve Schleiker, El Paso County Assessor
Stan VanderWerf, El Paso County Commissioner

Guests were welcomed to view three PPHFH homes under construction, each with details of its construction, particularly energy efficiency features. The Ridge at Sand Creek community is located southeast of Galley Rd and Babcock Rd in Colorado Springs.

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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](#).