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Single Mother of Three Celebrates Completion of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Home

WHAT:

On Friday, August 26, 2022, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) will host a home dedication celebration in "The Ridge at Sand Creek" neighborhood for Jennifer's family. The public is welcome to attend.



Jennifer is a single mother with three sons. She grew up in Colorado Springs—most of her family lives in Colorado—and she would be devastated if finding safe and affordable housing meant relocating elsewhere. She tried buying a house last year, but her income wasn't enough. Habitat was her last hope. For about four years, Jennifer and her family have lived in an older two-bedroom apartment with a bad foundation, mold, and very old plumbing. Crime has escalated over the years, and safety is now a major concern. Jennifer wants the stability of a forever home. With a Habitat home fulfilling her dream of homeownership, she will be able to concentrate on advancing her career and focus on her children's future.

Jennifer's home is sponsored by PPHFH's Board of Directors, committed to the success of the organization and its fundraising goals. In 2017 the board began a campaign challenge with the goal that they raise/contribute 25% of the cost of a home. This was the first major and significant campaign that the board had committed to financially in the history of PPHFH. They

also volunteer time to build alongside the homeowner. This year's "Board Build" home is dedicated to Jennifer and her family.

The keys to the new house will be presented to Jennifer, and attendees will have an opportunity to view her home.

WHO: Kris Lewis, PPHFH Executive Director/CEO

Janet Risley, PPHFH Director of Homeowner Services

Jennifer, Future Habitat Homeowner

WHEN: Friday, August 26, 2022

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WHERE: 5313 Kingscote Dr. Colorado Springs CO 80915

- 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 Kingscote Dr, one street past the Habitat trailer

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.

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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 203 families in El Paso County. In addition to new construction, PPHFH also offers repairs for homeowners who are seniors, veterans, and cost-burdened families. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.