

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity partners with Whirlpool Corporation to build climate-resilient and energy-efficient homes in Colorado Springs

[COLORADO SPRINGS, CO] August 29, 2022 – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) is working alongside a local family in Colorado Springs to build a new home through Habitat for Humanity's BuildBetter with Whirlpool initiative. The initiative is an expansion of Habitat's BuildBetter program and will further advance the organization's efforts to help homeowners mitigate the impacts of climate change.

"When we look at the Home Efficiency Rating System (HERS®), our homes are testing in the mid-50s, nearly twice as energy efficient as the HERS reference home," said Kris Lewis, executive director and CEO of PPHFH. "With Whirlpool's support, we can construct energy-efficient, weather-resilient houses that will help reduce home operating costs for families."

For many years Whirlpool has supported PPHFH, as well as affiliates across the country, by donating refrigerators and ranges for every new house built. This is the first year that PPHFH has participated in the BuildBetter program.

"For 110 years, life at home has always been at the heart of our business. It doesn't matter who you are or where you live, a comfortable, nurturing home is essential for everyone," said Pamela Klyn, Senior Vice President, Communications, Public Affairs and Sustainability at Whirlpool Corporation. "This initiative continues our long history of leveraging our innovative appliances and philanthropic support to improve life at home for people around the world."

Jennifer is a single mother with three sons. For the last few years, they have lived in an older twobedroom 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. And with the energy-efficient aspects of her new house, she will be able to save on utility costs, too.

Over three years, Habitat and Whirlpool will partner with families in need of decent, affordable housing and volunteers to construct more than 250 climate-resilient and energy-efficient homes across the country.

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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.