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Superintendent's Message

As a long-serving superintendent in the Pikes Peak region, I have watched as social upheaval steadily erodes our ability to educate the children of our community. Like flash floods that scour through downstream structures, society's challenges hit our children the hardest. When children come to school hungry, tired, or anxious, it is immensely more challenging to bring out their academic potential. Tragically, the number of children living in cars or surfing on couches keeps climbing. Without safe and stable housing, students constantly struggle to make progress.

That reality is part of what motivates me to serve with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Every year, volunteers and donors help build affordable housing to shelter our students and the families that love them. Every time we bless a house and hand the keys to a new homeowner, our community has reached into the stream and pulled a vulnerable child onto solid ground. Since 1986, Pikes Peak Habitat has helped families build and purchase homes that have sheltered over 400 local students. **Nine more students will move into their own homes in the next several months, but we need your help.**

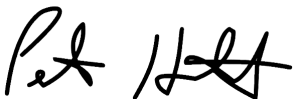
Would you consider donating \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help build their homes?

For all of us who love students and believe in public education as the greatest American invention, affordable housing is imperative. Yet, for a hungry child waking up on a cold car seat or unfamiliar couch, learning is not a priority—survival is. But we can change that equation. We have the resources and skills to shelter the children of our community. As a board member and volunteer with Habitat, I am convinced that Habitat for Humanity is our best opportunity to create hope and build community. We know what to do, but we need your help.

Will you join me? By donating today, you can help Habitat build permanent, affordable homes with families right here in El Paso County. You can make a gift online, via phone, or by post mailing a check. Please see below for more details.

If you are looking for a way to make a lasting difference, please join me in giving and serving with Habitat to support these families and their children by donating today. Habitat's future homeowners and hundreds of volunteers stand ready to turn your contributions into homes and futures.

Sincerely,



Peter Hilts
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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors