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***Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Expresses Support for Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter
Former U.S. President and Wife Have Partnered with Organization for Nearly Four Decades***

Colorado Springs, CO (Feb. 21, 2023)—With the news that former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has entered hospice care, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity joins other affiliates in expressing gratitude for Carter’s 39 years of service and support for the organization, as well as sympathy and concern for Carter and his wife, Rosalynn.

“We are saddened by the news and are holding President and Mrs. Carter in our prayers,” says Kris Lewis, Pikes Peak Habitat Executive Director/CEO. “We are so appreciative of President Carter’s life and his work in striving for dignity for all.”

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, led the first Carter Work Project to New York City in 1984. Until 2020, the weeklong event continued annually throughout the world, with trips to work sites in the United States and 14 other countries. More than 104,000 volunteers on these projects built, renovated or repaired 4,390 homes alongside families in need of decent, affordable housing, according to Habitat for Humanity International.

“All of us at Habitat for Humanity are lifting up President and Mrs. Carter in prayer as he enters hospice care,” says Jonathan Reckford, Habitat for Humanity International CEO. “We pray for his comfort and for their peace, and that the Carter family experiences the joy of their relationships with each other and with God in this time.”

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in Americus, GA, in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. They developed their concept of “partnership housing” while living at Koinonia Farm, an interracial community farm founded by biblical scholar Clarence Jordan.

The Carters’ 39-year involvement with and support of the organization helped raise Habitat’s profile, impacting countless lives and furthering the organization’s mission of ensuring that everyone, everywhere

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has a decent, affordable place to live.

Reckford's [statement and more information](#) about the Carters' involvement with Habitat for Humanity, including [a timeline](#) of their projects throughout the years, is available online.

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About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We construct permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers, who purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. In addition, our home repair program works with seniors, veterans and other cost-burdened homeowners in El Paso County, who “pay it forward” by serving their communities. Pikes Peak Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has partnered with more than 200 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit <http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).