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***Kum & Go Partners with Pikes Peak Habitat to Sponsor Home for Local Workforce Family  
Decade of Support Culminates in Grant***

**Colorado Springs, CO** (August 25, 2023) — A local workforce family will have the opportunity to purchase a decent, affordable home in El Paso County, thanks to a partnership between family-owned convenience store chain Kum & Go and Habitat for Humanity.

For the past decade, Kum & Go has supported Habitat through national fundraising campaigns and donations to specific affiliates throughout the United States. This fiscal year, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant that will help build an affordable home in The Ridge at Sand Creek neighborhood in Colorado Springs.

“We’re extremely grateful to Kum & Go for helping us move the needle on affordable homeownership for workforce families,” says Kris Lewis, Pikes Peak Habitat Executive Director/CEO. “Everyone deserves a decent place to call home, but safe, affordable housing remains out of reach for many of our teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, and entry-level professionals in El Paso County. This grant enables us to partner with a local family, not just to build a house but to strengthen the local community and provide a solid foundation for generational wealth-building.”

During this fiscal year, Pikes Peak Habitat will partner with 10 local families through their homeownership program. Partner families will be announced during the second week in August. The Kum & Go grant will sponsor the Kum & Go Build.

“Working with Habitat for Humanity these past 10 years has been an extremely meaningful experience,” said Emily Bahnsen, community investment manager at Kum & Go. “Not only have we been able to provide significant financial support, but we’ve been able to raise awareness about the need for safe, affordable housing and educate our associates and customers about an organization who is dedicated to making a difference in their local communities.”

This year, Kum & Go pledged a minimum of \$500,000 to support Habitat with actual donations totaling over \$547,000. Over the past decade, Kum & Go has raised more than \$5.6 million for Habitat and has partnered with local Habitat affiliates to sponsor homes in North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah, Michigan, and Colorado.

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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](#).

### **About Kum & Go**

Established in Hampton, Iowa in 1959, Kum & Go is a fourth-generation, family-owned convenience store chain providing a fresh perspective by meeting customers where they are and offering them the choices they deserve. Kum & Go employs over 5,000 associates and currently operates over 400 stores across 13 states.