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***Pikes Peak Habitat Receives \$49,189 Grant from Lowe's
to Repair Four Homes in El Paso County***

Colorado Springs, CO (Sept. 26, 2023) — Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has received a \$49,189 grant to help repair four homes in El Paso County, CO. With the support of this grant, Pikes Peak Habitat is renovating two veterans' homes and completing aging-in-place repairs for two other cost-burdened homeowners.

Through the grant, Army veteran Bill is getting new windows, a new door, weatherization on other doors, and roof framing in preparation for new shingles. The roof has leaked since he bought the home five years ago, and he's struggled with mold and high utility bills.

He says of the repairs, "I think that was God-sent." The crews have "just been working, working, working," he adds, "and everybody that has come here has been helpful, kind, compassionate."

Another homeowner who could no longer access her shower because she wasn't able to step into a clawfoot tub received a new walk-in shower, thanks to the grant.

"The Lowe's grant has helped us to positively impact the lives of people in four households in El Paso County by helping to improve their homes for health, safety, and accessibility issues," says Leah Cowles, Pikes Peak Habitat home repair program manager. "During the repairs, we have seen a positive impact on the homeowner as well as the physical improvements. The grant has significantly provided for these four families in a variety of ways. Our deepest thanks to Lowe's!"

Cowles is available for interviews. With sufficient advance notice, we're also happy to arrange interviews with homeowners whose lives have been touched by the Lowe's grant.

The funding from Lowe's is part of a two-year, \$6 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International to support home repair and preservation efforts in owner-occupied homes. Through this partnership, more than 75 local Habitat affiliates will complete more than 480 projects this year to address critical health and safety issues in homes across the U.S. Since 2003, Lowe's and Habitat have worked together to help more than 18,000 people build or improve a place to call home.

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About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

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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 235 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit <http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).