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***Year in Review Showcases How Pikes Peak Habitat Supports
Affordable Homeownership in El Paso County***

Colorado Springs, CO (Sept. 28, 2023) — As the cost of homes continued to rise in El Paso County during fiscal year '23, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity increased efforts to move the needle – partnering with more workforce families to build and buy homes; enabling veterans, seniors, and other cost-burdened homeowners to remain securely in their residences through our repair program; and advocating on the local, state, and national levels for policies that support affordable homeownership.

Our newly released [Year in Review booklet](#) (PDF) highlights those efforts and showcases individuals – homeowners, volunteers, board and committee members, and staff – at the heart of our organization.

“Every nail pounded, every item priced, every text sent to a legislator makes a difference,” say CEO Kris Lewis and FY '23 Board of Directors President Ryan Panariso in their joint letter introducing the publication.

Key efforts and accomplishments in FY '23 included

- Finishing construction on five new homes, with five more in progress
- Completing 27 home repair projects (up from five in FY '22)
- Initiating and co-hosting (with KRDO NewsRadio and KRDO NewsChannel 13) the Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidate Forum on Affordable Homeownership
- Participating as one of 10 U.S. Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the White House’s Team Up interfaith initiative, along with Catholic Charities USA, Interfaith America, and the YMCA of the USA
- Partnering with more than 2,700 volunteers, whose total number of hours equaled 22 full-time employees
- Keeping 2,579 tons of items out of landfills, thanks to our two ReStores, which earned combined net profits of \$851,190 to support our programs.

The Year in Review publication is posted online, and Lewis is available for interviews. With sufficient

advance notice, we're also happy to arrange interviews with current and future homeowners who have partnered with Pikes Peak Habitat.

One of those homeowners, Rose, is featured in the Year in Review publication. Speaking about her experience with the repair program and crew, she says, "It's a wonderful program, and it's different because the people become like family."

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