



Hello Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity friends and supporters!

I am Kris Lewis, CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity here to say **thank you** for all that you've done to lift up our neighbors to the opportunities affordable homeownership provides in the 2023 fiscal year, which spanned July 2022 through June 2023.

What a year it has been! As the costs of construction materials and land in El Paso County have skyrocketed, you've stepped up to the challenge.

Thanks to you, five more workforce families joined our neighborhood at The Ridge at Sand Creek, and we are on track to partner with double that number in the next fiscal year!

Thanks to you, we also provided critical repairs for 27 seniors, veterans, and other cost-burdened homeowners in El Paso County. These repairs focused on health, safety, and accessibility. We are projecting around 70 home repairs in the current 2024 Fiscal Year.

Helping fund these efforts are our ReStores, which offer cost-effective outlets for donated construction supplies and home goods. The Pikes Peak ReStores earned a net profit of more than \$850,000 in FY'23. Did you know that our ReStores also serve as drop-off donation points for metal, paint, and porcelain recycling? Together, we saved more than 2,500 tons from landfills through our recycling programs and sales!

In fiscal year '23 we expanded our reach beyond El Paso County through our title, which supported Habitat affiliates in Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire, and Uganda, as well as Habitat's International Disasters Fund and Orphans and Vulnerable Groups Fund.

It has also been an exciting year for our faith programs such as the Apostles Build, Interfaith Build for Unity, and the three-week Building the Beloved Community initiative and interfaith dialogue, which drew national attention resulting in Pikes Peak Habitat being selected to participate in the White House's "Team Up", a pilot program supporting organizations who build bridges between diverse communities. Our program is actually the "go to" training model for all the participating organizations!

We also expanded our advocacy efforts. Locally, we initiated and co-hosted the Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidate Forum on Affordable Homeownership. On a state-wide level, we played a role education, advising, and get out the vote drives, which resulted in the successful passage of Proposition 123. And nationally, we joined in the Habitat on the Hill event held in Washington, D.C.

We couldn't do any of this without you. All these accomplishments belong to YOU, because of your dedication, your donations, your ReStore shopping, your word-of-mouth support, and your volunteer time. Every amount, no matter how small, helps us partner with workforce families in need of affordable

housing. Every nail pounded, every item priced and purchased, every text message, call, or email to a legislator makes a difference. YOU make a difference.

Thank you. You are invaluable to our mission.