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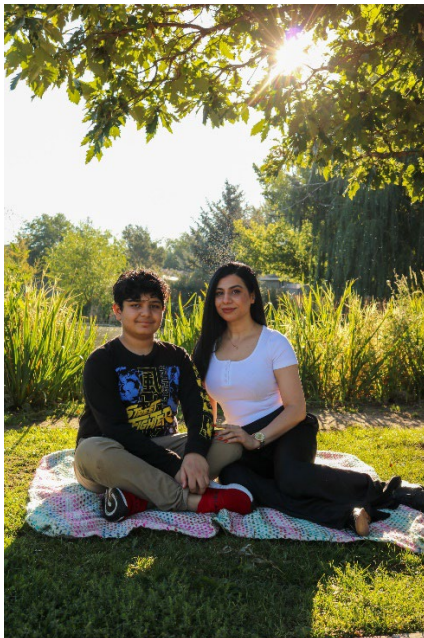
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***Pikes Peak Habitat Holds Triple Groundbreaking, Home Dedication
Celebrations Honor Kum & Go Partnership, Volunteers, Future and New Homeowners***

Colorado Springs, CO (November 2, 2023) —Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is hosting back-to-back celebrations at The Ridge at Sand Creek neighborhood in Colorado Springs on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The first event, scheduled at 9:30 a.m., is groundbreaking for three future homeowners and their families. Ida, Alex, and Lucia, along with Ida and Alex’s daughter, will live in a three-bedroom home that’s being constructed as the Kum & Go Sponsored Build. Janice and her daughter will live in a two-bedroom home being constructed through the Fund for Humanity. The ceremony also recognizes Gilas, who will move into a recycled home in the Woodmen Vistas subdivision with her son. A recycled home was built by Pikes Peak Habitat, sold to another homeowner, then returned to our stock for any of several reasons. The residence will be renovated to meet current construction and energy standards before Gilas purchases it.



From left, Gilas and her son; Lucia, Alex, Sofia, and Ida; and Kayla and her children

As the culmination of a decade of support for Habitat for Humanity, Kum & Go has provided Pikes Peak Habitat with a \$100,000 grant to help build Ida, Alex, and Lucia's home.

"Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity has been extremely meaningful in raising awareness about the need for safe, affordable housing in our communities," says Taylor Boland, Director of Communications at Kum & Go. "We are honored to be able to support Alex, Ida, and Lucia in their homeownership journey."

"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 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."

Ida, Alex, and Lucia are originally from Puerto Rico. They lost their home to Hurricane Maria in 2017 and relocated to El Paso County a few months later. Alex works in construction, but the family struggles with rising rent costs, and they live in an unsafe area where they've experienced several thefts. Ida and Alex have a preteen daughter, Sofia, and Ida's aunt, Lucia, also lives with the family. For Lucia, homeownership means being able to remain with her loved ones. For Sofia, having a fenced backyard in the new home means she can finally get the puppy she's wanted for years.

Janice works for a local school district. She and her teenage daughter, Matty, both enjoy creating art. They live in a 50-year-old trailer that traps heat in the summer. Janice looks forward to having appliances that work when they move into their Pikes Peak Habitat home.

Gilas is originally from Kurdistan, where she served as a school principal. Her then-husband worked as an interpreter for the U.S. military, and when Iraqi forces approached their home, the family fled to the United States. Gilas, who spoke no English, had to start her education over and now works as a phlebotomist. Her preteen son is excited about having his own room when they move into their new home.

Following the groundbreaking, at 10:30 a.m. Pikes Peak Habitat will hold the home dedication for [Kayla's family](#). Kayla, a single mom of two teenagers, spent years trying to purchase a home before she was accepted into Pikes Peak Habitat's program. The family moved so often that her son stopped unpacking his possessions, but when they move into their new place, she thinks he'll finally feel at home. He looks forward to having a basketball hoop on the driveway and playing outside with friends. Kayla's daughter is excited about getting a dog. (Yes, it's a theme!) Kayla herself loves to garden and anticipates growing both flowers and produce in her new yard.

The family's home was built as the [3rd George Hammond Build—Honoring Tim Trowbridge](#). Both Hammond and Trowbridge will be recognized at the home dedication. Hammond is Pikes Peak Habitat's longest-serving volunteer. In addition to regularly volunteering at the construction site, Trowbridge has served several terms on the Pikes Peak Habitat Board of Directors and recently was elected to the Board again. He sits on our finance, ReStore, and site selection committees. He also participates in the Habitat for Humanity International U.S. Policy Committee of the U.S. Council and the Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Advocacy Committee.

Both events are free and open to the public. Media are also invited to attend. Please join us at 5303 Beauport Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80915.

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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](#).

About the Kum & Go Sponsored Build

Kum & Go has been committed to making days better for their customers and communities since 1959. The family-owned convenience store chain provides 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. In August 2023, Maverik’s acquisition of Kum & Go was finalized. Their combined footprint is now 20 states and over 800 stores.



For the past decade, Kum & Go has supported Habitat for Humanity 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.

About the Fund for Humanity

The Fund for Humanity refers to a collection of funding sources, including capital from loan sale programs, loan payoffs, monthly Habitat mortgage payments, unrestricted fundraising, and net proceeds from the ReStore.

About the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity 3rd George Hammond Build—Honoring Tim Trowbridge

The George Hammond Award was created by Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors in April 2018 to honor the legacy, extraordinary service, and outstanding contributions of longtime volunteer George Hammond. The award honors individuals who, through their tireless service to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, have exhibited qualities of leadership, an unwavering belief in Habitat’s ministry, and a deep devotion and passion to serve the community and people of El Paso County.