

# AmeriCorps NCCC Team Creates Impact at Construction Sites and ReStore



*AmeriCorps NCCC Team with Steve Posey, City of Colorado Springs Community Development Division Manager, in front of a Habitat home*

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity sponsored a seven-member AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC Team) to work with our organization for six weeks, from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup> of 2019. The Team supported PPHFH's construction sites, ReStore, home deconstruction efforts, and 1st Annual Gingerbread Home Build event. During their time working with PPHFH, the Team was housed in facilities generously provided by Ascension Lutheran Church, Faith Presbyterian Church, Family of Christ Lutheran Church, and two individuals.

The Team's work on our construction sites enabled us to complete our four Little Village Subdivision homes, located on Dale Street in Colorado Springs (see article on page 4), within our projected schedule. Sarah Buchen, PPHFH Construction Volunteer Coordinator, got to see first-hand the impact of the team on our construction sites. "The opportunity to work with the AmeriCorps NCCC Team was a blessing," said Sarah. "This experience gave our organization a chance to have consistent labor to finish our Dale Street homes."

The Team also worked in the ReStore once a week and assisted with the deconstruction of several homes in southwest Colorado Springs that were damaged or destroyed by landslide activity in 2015. Dusty Last, ReStore Volunteer Coordinator, supervised the Team's work at the ReStore. "It is really difficult to say how amazing and helpful the members of the AmeriCorps NCCC Team were here at the ReStore," said Dusty. "Whether the task was monumental or small, outdoors or inside the store, each task was taken on with a smile and completed, often quicker than anticipated."

Overall, the AmeriCorps NCCC Team's work with PPHFH made a lasting impression on PPHFH and the seven members of the Team. "Working with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has been the most impactful part of my service term with AmeriCorps NCCC", said Ruth Jeffers, a member of the Team. "Our team learned so much from the generous and kind staff about selfless service of one's community, and I hope to follow their example beyond NCCC by serving whatever community I call home in the future with care and humility." Following the success of working with the Team in 2019, PPHFH has applied to sponsor another AmeriCorps NCCC Team for eight weeks. Their work with PPHFH is projected to begin in April 2020.

**Follow the next Team's journey with us. Check out our social media to watch as they help build a stronger El Paso County!**



*AmeriCorps NCCC Team installing a window on the 2nd Annual Veteran Home Build*



Thanks to a grant from Colorado Technical University (CTU), PPHFH homeowners, employees, and their eligible family members, may be eligible for a 25% tuition grant towards a college education at CTU.

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