## New Habitat ReStore Comes to Northeast Colorado Springs in 2021



PPHFH Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina presents at the Ground Blessing ceremony

Amid the pandemic's economic insecurity, Pikes Peak Habitat is taking on the challenge of building a second ReStore to help raise funds and awareness for affordable housing in El Paso County. ReStore Northeast will greatly expand our capacity to serve the El Paso County community and further our mission, all with the support of donors, shoppers, and volunteers. Construction of the store begins this fall with expectations of a grand opening in the spring of 2021.

The Ground Blessing ceremony for ReStore Northeast took place on September 24th. Our Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina, Director of Strategic Partnerships Iain Probert, and our Board of Directors President Ryan Mohling spoke to stakeholders about the new store's importance.

The ReStore helps builders, contractors, suppliers, and individuals by accepting tax-deductible donations of new and slightly used construction material, plumbing and electrical supplies, cabinets, home furnishings, and more that are sold to the public at discounts 50%-70% below retail or recycled. Net proceeds from sales and recycling help provide permanent, affordable housing for qualifying future Habitat homeowners. The ReStore also helps other homeowners in our community by offering savings on home-improvement items.

Our first ReStore, located at 411 S. Wahsatch Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado, opened in 2004 and has since become a store recognized by Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat affiliates nationwide for its business achievements. Last year the ReStore helped fund six Habitat homes in El Paso County. It also kept 1,304 tons of donated material out of the landfill and



Pictured from left to right: PPHFH COO Jeff White, PPHFH Board President Ryan Mohling, and PPHFH Executive Director/CEO Kris Medina break ground on ReStore Northeast

regularly recycled porcelain (used to create a road base for the city), metal, and cardboard, generating more revenue for building houses. In 2020 and 2018, the Colorado Institute for Social Impact / Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado awarded the ReStore the "Social Impact Business of the Year" PRISM Award.

