

ReStore Finishes Record Year

Your Shopping and Donations Create Major Impact for Families in Need

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's ReStore closed out the 2019 fiscal year in June with a record-breaking \$2,024,000 in gross proceeds to support Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) and an estimated 1,300 tons of diverted materials from the local landfill!

Much like a "building supply warehouse meets a thrift store", the PPHFH ReStore sells new and used, donated building supplies, furniture, paint, lighting, and much more. The ReStore opened in 2004 and supports affordable housing in many important ways. It helps fund the overhead costs, new home construction, and repairs program of Pikes Peak Habitat. The net proceeds from the ReStore helped fund six Habitat homes in the 2019 fiscal year and will continue to fund more homes and repairs in the future. The ReStore is also a great resource to the public, giving families the option to affordably maintain or upgrade their homes, which allows them to remain in their homes without breaking the bank.

The ReStore is also in partnership with the City of Colorado Springs in salvaging materials from several homes in the Broadmoor Bluffs community that were declared disaster sites after landslide activity.

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ReStore customers browse appliances for sale

The salvaged materials are being recycled or sold at the ReStore. The proceeds will provide support and hope to future Habitat homeowners, producing a positive outcome from this devastating situation. The deconstruction and salvaging efforts will continue into 2020, and individuals or groups can volunteer by contacting Construction Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Buchen at 719.290.1969 or volunteer@pikepeakhabitat.org.

With a team of 15 staff to manage the 56,062 square foot retail ReStore, Chief Operations Officer Jeff White says he's extremely proud of what the ReStore has accomplished this year with the help of our community. "We could not serve the mission of PPHFH without the help of our incredible volunteers, all our generous donors, and loyal customers." When asked what the ReStore's goals are for the coming year and how they're going to get there, Jeff says, "Our big goal is to open a second ReStore in northeast Colorado Springs. We'll be recruiting more volunteers and will continue to build new relationships to increase our inventory."

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ReStore Volunteer Coordinator Dusty Last (right) welcomes a volunteer

The ReStore also serves as a wonderful tool for public awareness of Habitat’s mission and builds community by partnering with other nonprofits. It’s a place for volunteers to give back to their community. The ReStore relies on the help of an average of 35 volunteers per month to facilitate operations, and both individuals and groups are welcome. The ReStore also garners volunteers through community partnerships, such as Goodwill Rehires and AARP’s senior volunteers. These volunteers can receive salesforce training while volunteering at the ReStore, which helps them prepare for various employment opportunities. Bill Wall, a member of the PPHFH Board of Directors, and his wife Janel regularly volunteer at the ReStore and understand first-hand the difference volunteerism makes in their community.

“Volunteering in the light room at the ReStore is a bright spot

in our week because we get to work together to give donated lighting a second chance to brighten people’s homes and businesses while contributing toward affordable housing in our community. Opportunities to work with the wonderful customers to help them as they shop at the ReStore gives us a satisfying feeling that we’re making a difference.”

Whether you’re a ReStore donor, shopper, or volunteer, you help Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity build homes and hope for families right here in El Paso County. Thank you!



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A HAMMER TO HELP
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