



**Pikes Peak
Habitat
for Humanity®**

The Community Building Issue

Spring 2008 Newsletter: Tools to Help You Build Homes and Hope in El Paso County

Strengthening Families and the Environment

Pikes Peak Habitat is proud to build environmentally friendly homes. Whenever possible, our construction supervisors, volunteers, and contractors use energy-saving building materials that exceed industry standards such as R-50 attic and R-22 wall insulation, top quality insulated windows and doors, and Energy Star rated appliances.

In 2007 Habitat homeowners saved an average of \$258 in energy costs annually & reduced their CO2 emissions by an average of 2.8 tons, compared to the average homeowner in Colorado. Recent Habitat homes received a five-star rating from Energy Star Colorado. This means homes were independently verified to meet rigorous guidelines of energy efficiency set by the U.S. EPA.

These building upgrades not only benefit the environment, but our homeowners have reduced electric bills and have a more equitable home, which furthers their financial stability.

Here are some ways you can get involved and go "green" with Habitat!

ReSTORE LLC

Pikes Peak Habitat's new and used building supply store is expected to save at least 500 tons of building materials from going into the landfill by reselling them to the public. The ReStore donated over \$200,000 to Pikes Peak Habitat last year from these recycled materials! Shop, donate or volunteer at the ReStore today!



CANS FOR HABITAT

Get your business or church to make every can count by donating it to Pikes Peak Habitat. The program is easy to start and maintain, just call the Habitat office for details. Many thanks to **Kelly Stenglein** and the employees at Checks Unlimited who are building homes with their donations.



Cars for Homes™

Donate your used vehicle, RV or boat to Habitat for Humanity International and proceeds will come back to build more homes in El Paso County. **Mike Stein, Dan Weigold, and Roxanne Dunn** have already donated cars to PPHFH in 2008!

Building Homes, Building Bridges

By Aimee Liotino, Volunteer Manager

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity offers people from diverse backgrounds an opportunity to collaborate and financially sponsor housing for low-income families who would not be able to afford a home by traditional means. These partnerships are unique because businesses, organizations, and churches can fund a home on their own, with a co-sponsor, or with multiple sponsors—there is a giving option *for every budget*.

Here are real-life examples of community builders who are doing just that!

Co-sponsors: St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Sunrise United Methodist Church

On Sept. 10, 2006 two different denominations joined forces to build the fifth house along Danville Court, which is now home to the Talbott Family. PPHFH volunteer and St. Francis member, **Anthony Woloch** said, “Working together on our good and common goal made any differences insignificant and irrelevant. Our teamwork was genuine, productive, educational, fulfilling, and fun!”



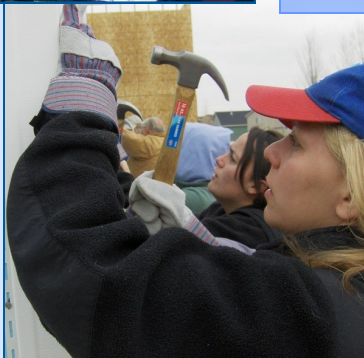
Multiple Sponsors: The Apostles' Build

This build is a unique church partnership involving twelve different faith-based organizations in sponsoring and building one Habitat home. This will be PPHFH's first Apostles' Build and it offers a great opportunity to work hand in hand with our brothers and sisters, while working toward reducing substandard housing. **Promise Lee**, pastor of Relevant Word Ministries and participant in the Apostles' Build, says, “One of the greatest gifts we can give to people is proper housing. It will be a joy for us to present this gift as the united body of Christ.”



Peer Group Partnership: Youth United

Students, ages 5-25, from different backgrounds and youth organization will participate in the planning and fundraising of a Habitat home, while youth, ages 16-25, will help build this home. Youth United is a locally-driven Habitat International program with one purpose—to engage youth from diverse backgrounds in a meaningful role in the Habitat process.



Special-Interest Partnership: Women Build

Typically, construction is seen as male dominated, but with Women Build the vision is to empower and unite wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and friends to fight poverty housing. “Imagine my surprise when I found myself learning to use a nail gun (that thing was powerful!) and installing shingles,” said **Jennifer Clarke** member of Junior League of Colorado Springs. “I remember LOVING every second of it and walking away feeling very, very empowered.” Junior League has volunteered with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity many times before, and is now planning to participate in the Women Build.

You are invited to participate in National Women Build Week on May 8th-9th from 8:30am-4:30pm. Come join a group of women onsite as we learn and build together—**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**. National Women Build Week is a partnership with Habitat International, Habitat affiliates and Lowe's. To schedule to build please contact Aimee Liotino at 475-7800 or aimee@pikespeakhabitat.org.

What is happening at Woodmen Vistas?

By Kim Pattison, Family Services Manager

By next January, the first row of houses at Woodmen Vistas will proudly stand as a testament of what is to come. The row will be the very beginnings of the 36-house neighborhood, built with the support of four generous sponsors and our first special families.

It will all start in early June with the Blitz Build; one house built in less than a week. The house will be home to Robert Laabs, Krystina Racek, and their three daughters.

Homeownership, once an impossibility for this family, is being achieved by the support of **Capital Pacific Homes**, who will both fund construction and oversee the build.

Next in line is a home for Becky Phipps, a courageous single mother of two boys. The home is a God send for a family facing the daily realities of the youngest son's severe medical needs. **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** will sponsor her home and provide the in-home accommodations she requires to care for her children.

Becky's home will be followed by a home for the Grant family and their four children, sponsored by **First Presbyterian Church**. The final family in the four-house row is scheduled to be announced in May.

Together, these four families represent the beginning of what Habitat hopes will be a thriving community. A neighborhood where children can play safely, parents can rest in financial relief, and families can grow strong.



The above map shows the Woodmen Vistas neighborhood with the 36 lots on the right belonging to PPHFH. The 31 lots on the left belong to our partner in the project, the Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust.



ReStore Manager **John Veteto** thanks local artist, **Michael Garman** for creating the ReStore "shadow box." Due to the generous partnership with the Garman family, the ReStore expanded to more than 31,000 square feet in 2007. The ReStore is located at 411 S. Wahsatch and is open Tues.—Sat. from 9am—5pm.

Help Wanted

YOUTH GROUPS to help with the 6th Annual Hike for Habitat on June 7th. Please contact Aimee for more info, 475-7800

DEVELOPMENT INTERN: Are you a looking to gain hands-on experience in the nonprofit sector? We are looking for a volunteer who is friendly, flexible, and a strong communicator to help in the development department weekly. Send an email to jordan@pikespeakhabitat.org if you are interested!

"CONSTRUCTION 101" INSTRUCTOR: Do you have basic construction skills? Are you willing to share your expertise with volunteers one Saturday month? For details, please contact Aimee Liotino at 475-4800.

Habitat Trivia Myth Busters

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Due to generous community support, Habitat is able to give simple homes to local low-income families.
2. Pikes Peak Habitat currently has a waitlist for families to receive Habitat homes.
3. Habitat for Humanity was founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

Find answers to these questions and much more at www.pikespeakhabitat.org



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