

Day 5: Monday, Feb. 5

An Initiative of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity in Celebration of the 2024 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week

On Day 5, learn about the role that advocacy can play in addressing the housing crisis in our community.



WHAT ROLE DOES ADVOCACY PLAY AT PIKES PEAK HABITAT?

Our <u>Advocacy efforts</u> support policies that increase the supply of and promote broader access to safe, affordable and decent homes. From our deep understanding of housing and its <u>central role in providing opportunities</u> for families, we work to reform laws in a non-confrontational, non-partisan way. Advocating for sustainable and inclusive policies and systems that promote access to decent housing is critical to achieving our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



HOW PIKES PEAK HABITAT HAS ENGAGED

- In 2023 Pikes Peak Habitat <u>hosted a forum</u> for the 12 Colorado Springs mayoral candidates to discuss their ideas and answer questions about affordable homeownership.
- Pikes Peak Habitat joined other Colorado Habitat affiliates in <u>supporting Proposition 123</u>, a ballot measure approved in November 2022, which allocates one-tenth of 1% of state income tax revenue to fund affordable housing.
- Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity participates in <u>Habitat on the Hill</u>, Habitat for Humanity's annual legislative conference.

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DAILY ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Learn about other interfaith advocacy organizations working locally, including <u>Faith Table</u>.
- 2) Jot down 2-3 ideas of how you might be able to engage in advocacy work to support affordable housing in El Paso County.

