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Girl's Christmas Wish for Home About to Come True

Colorado Springs, CO (Apr. 25, 2024) — Two years ago, Tonya asked her then-6-year-old daughter what she wanted for Christmas: toys or a home for their family. Her daughter chose a home – and in December of 2024, her Christmas wish will come true!



Join Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity this **Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m., at The Ridge at Sand Creek, 5303 Beauport Dr., Colorado Springs 80915** as we hold a ground blessing to mark the start of construction on [Tonya's new home](#). Tonya, her four children, and her grandson will live in a five-bedroom home – the first that Pikes Peak Habitat has built in this neighborhood.

“I’ve never had a house where I could even put pictures up on the walls,” says Tonya, who found herself staying in a shelter a few years ago. Since then, she has completed career training, landed a job she loves, moved her family into an apartment—and is now embarking on her homeownership journey. “It was always a blank for me. It was always a house, just temporary, never a home. This’ll be the first time I was able to put pictures up, lay down roots, stop and smell the roses—grow roses!”



Joining Tonya at the ground blessing will be [Isxel](#), a single mother of two. When her marriage ended, she and her children needed a decent home. The area where they live now isn’t safe, and she’s excited that when they move into their new home, her kids will be able to play outside with neighbors.

Isxel is on the path to a career as a special education teacher. She began serving as a crossing guard at her children’s school, which led her to volunteer with a special ed class and then to become a paraprofessional. Having the stability of a permanent home with an affordable mortgage will enable her to focus more attention on her children and her education.

After their joint ground blessing, Pikes Peak Habitat will hold a home dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m. for [Maria and her twin teenagers](#).

Despite working full-time with plants, Maria has struggled to make ends meet and relies on Section 8 vouchers to afford the two-bedroom apartment where her family has been living.

Since being accepted into Pikes Peak Habitat's homeownership program, she has invested 200 hours of sweat equity building her home and those of her neighbors, and after she closes, she will pay an affordable mortgage on the three-bedroom, one-bathroom home.

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About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We construct permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers, who purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. In addition, our home repair program works with seniors, veterans, and other cost-burdened homeowners in El Paso County, who "pay it forward" by serving their communities. Pikes Peak Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has partnered with more than 235 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit <http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).