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New Study Shows Positive Impacts for Pikes Peak Habitat Homeowners

At Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, we know homeownership is transformational for the families in our program – we see the proof when we visit our neighborhoods and hear our homeowners’ stories! But now, thanks to a study by Ashley Peacock, a student in the Master of Public Administration program in the College of Public Service, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, we have data to show the impact.

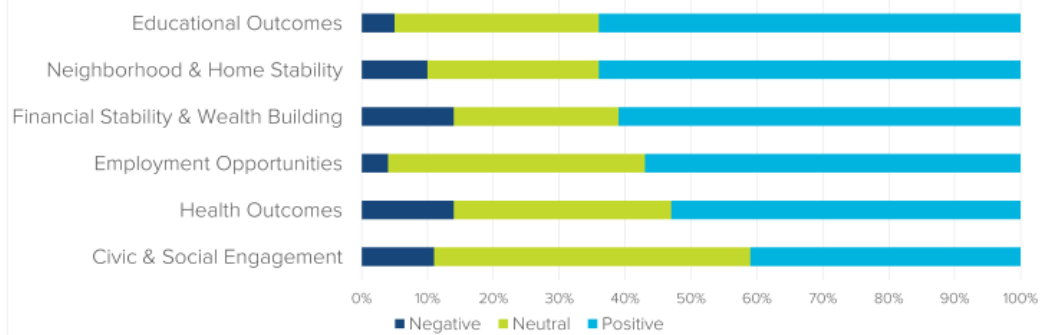
Peacock contacted 120 Pikes Peak Habitat homeowners and asked them to respond to a survey focused on six specific areas: educational outcomes, neighborhood and home stability, financial stability and wealth-building, employment opportunities, health outcomes, and civic and social engagement. Forty-one people responded, which is about 33% of those contacted, she says. Although that might sound low, the average response for surveys is around 25% – so our participation was higher than typical.

She found that overall, 93% of respondents said their lives have become better since they moved into their homes.

“We had some open-ended questions, and a lot of the responses talked about stability and feeling a sense of security and less anxiety, and that was really mirrored in the literature” about the topic, says Peacock. “There’s kind of a cascading effect when you’re facing housing instability. It’s one thing after another, like a Jenga tower. So seeing the responses from the homeowners who felt so much gratitude for having that stability that echoed into other parts of their life – they said their children felt more comfortable and relaxed; the children knew their parents had less anxiety. And so you see the ripple effect.”

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What's Happening on the Build Site

The Ridge at Sand Creek in Colorado Springs

So far in 2024, we have finished:

- Jessica's 2-bedroom home (the 3rd Interfaith Build for Unity, Feb.)
- Gilas' 2-bedroom home (recycled through the Fund for Humanity, Mar.)
- Maria's 3-bedroom home (Fund for Humanity, April)



We are scheduled to finish:

- Janice's 2-bedroom home (Fund for Humanity, July)
- Ida, Alex, and Lucia's 3-bedroom home (Maverik Build, July)
- Miranda's 3-bedroom home (Fund for Humanity, September)
- Damian and Trinady's 3-bedroom home (Veterans Build, November)
- Bernadette's 3-bedroom home (Apostles Build, December)



New Study Shows Impacts for Pikes Peak Habitat Homeowners

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Peacock's findings showed that since they moved into their homes,

- 77% of homeowners felt better about their children's future
- 88% felt more stable in their living situation
- 82% reported better financial security
- 58% felt better about their job prospects
- 64% felt less stressed
- 66% spent more time with their families.



Ashley Peacock (left) researched long-term outcomes for Pikes Peak Habitat homeowners. Scan the QR code (above) to see her full report.

Additional results in each area of the survey are posted on Pikes Peak Habitat's website.

Peacock notes that her findings in some categories – such as educational and financial outcomes – matched what she expected, based on previous studies she found when she started the project. The outcomes in health and civic engagement were lower than she'd anticipated, though. She says factors such as “the larger sociopolitical landscape” and the COVID-19 pandemic may have played a role.

She also comments that Habitat's sweat equity requirement contributes to the positive outcomes of our homeownership program.

“There were some [studies] I included that looked at Habitat and the impact of Habitat across different regions of the United States, and a lot of those studies were saying the same thing: that sweat equity helped with community building,” she says.

The survey results bear this out in El Paso County, Peacock explains. “It is a really interesting way to pay it forward and get your homeowners engaged in their communities.”

Transformation Is in the Air

Reflections from Kris Lewis, CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity



Kris Lewis

At Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, we know that affordable, attainable homeownership transforms lives. We see the evidence and hear the stories every day. And we're excited to share some of these stories with you. You'll meet two Army veterans who struggled with the cost of repairs needed to keep their homes livable and affordable. You'll also have the chance to celebrate with Maria, a new Pikes Peak Habitat homeowner who works full-time but was raising her teenagers in a crowded Section 8 apartment.

And while each story tells of a life transformed – individual lives that have value, dignity, and worth – you'll also get to see broader, long-term trends, thanks to research by UCCS student Ashley Peacock. Stories are impactful, but so is

data – and now we have data to show the concrete difference we make here in El Paso County, Colorado.

We couldn't do any of this without our committed, enthusiastic volunteers. At our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in April, we had the chance to recognize and honor many of you, who help us build quality homes; who provide critical, affordable repairs to seniors, veterans, and others burdened by cost; who keep products flowing through our ReStores, from the donation docks to the cash register, so we can continue our transformative work here in El Paso County.

Our dedicated construction staff constantly work to build higher-quality, more energy-efficient homes that will remain affordable for the families who purchase them. The recent Energy Star rating affirms their commitment and effectiveness.

We're also excited to launch a new partnership with another local nonprofit organization, Special Kids Special Families, which supports people with disabilities. While our organizations have different missions, we believe that working together will help us best serve the Pikes Peak community.

And our impact travels beyond just this region. In October, we'll partner with Thrivent on a disaster relief trip to Medford, Oregon, an area that, similarly to El Paso County, has been devastated by wildfire. We still have spots available on this trip, so if you're interested in helping families rebuild in the wake of this 2020 disaster, please consider joining us.

Finally, our interfaith programs have gained attention both nationally – through our participation in the White House's Team Up bridgebuilding pilot program – and internationally. This summer, I'm thrilled to be traveling to the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., with Chloe Henry, our Faith in Action program manager, and Board President Eric Stolp to receive the second-place medal in the H.M. King Abdullah II U.N. World Interfaith Harmony Week prize competition. Our interfaith program enables us to build an additional home each year in partnership with a local workforce family, and it also builds bridges between various faith communities in our region.

Thank you for the part you play in transforming lives with us!

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Veterans Bond During Roof Deployment

Mike, a retired U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, needed a new roof on his Colorado Springs home – but wasn't sure how he'd pay for it. Then he noticed a neighbor, also an Army veteran, receiving a new roof through the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity home repair program and the Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project for Veterans.

"I started going wow, what's that all about?" Mike recalls. "I've heard of you guys before, so I looked it up online." When he realized he met the income requirements, he filled out an application.



Brian Friend and Mike chat during the roof deployment.

Mike's insurance company had notified him that because of the roof's age, his rates would increase. He isn't sure how old the roof is, but says it wasn't exactly new when he bought the home 26 years ago.

And its condition has resulted in unwelcome house guests. "Years ago, I had a raccoon living in my attic, and she had babies," he says. "That was a nightmare! I'd go to sleep at night and hear them scratching around up there."

The home was built in 1919 and "originally was a carriage house for the stone house next door," Mike says. "And then they did additions over the years."

Owens Corning donates the materials for roof deployments, and local contractors provide the labor. Intrawest Seamless Gutters also donated supplies

for Mike's home, and crews from Just Roofs and Gutters spent two days on the project.

"Obviously, I have a soft spot for any veteran," says Brian Friend, owner of Just Roofs and Gutters and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. "Vietnam-era veterans kind of got the shaft, so...it means a lot to help."

Mike served 12 years. His initial stint was from 1969-72, and he later returned to attend flight school. He flew Bell UH-1 Iroquois, or "Hueys," and Bell OH-58 helicopters.

He and Friend connected over their shared military experiences.

"He's a very independent, strong person, and it's been nice to talk, to hear some of his stories," says Friend.

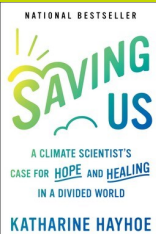
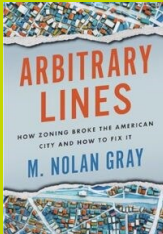
After crews tore off the old shingles, they added decking for a solid surface to nail new shingles and bring the roof up to code. The new roof comes with a lifetime platinum warranty and a decrease in his insurance rates.

"We're going to be taking this roof and bringing it up to modern 2024 standards with fantastic Owens Corning materials and a great lifetime warranty," says Friend. Mike's roof is the company's first roof deployment project, and he hopes to do many more. "It's a big honor for us to be involved in this project," he says. "I'm excited to make this house beautiful!"

Mike says he's very appreciative to be part of the roof deployment project, because he loves his home and hopes to remain there securely. "I really like the way it's set up, and it's close to downtown," he says. "It's close to the VA when I've got to get medical."

Mike recently lost his beloved elderly cat. "I was never a cat person, but I am now!" he says. "They comfort you. He was good company."


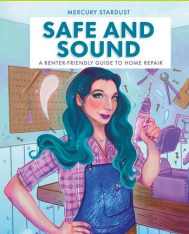
After the project is completed, Mike plans to adopt another cat – maybe a middle-aged or elderly cat in need of a home, he says, who can keep him company under his snug, secure new roof.

Read with Pikes Peak Habitat!

Check out our recent and upcoming reads at PikesPeakHabitat.org/blog/

If you'd like to participate on an ad hoc committee to help establish guidelines and select future titles, please e-mail Monique@PikesPeakHabitat.org by August 15.

Bill's Story: From Home Repair to ReStore Volunteer

Local Army veteran Bill purchased his home about five years ago. The previous owner wanted to sell to a veteran who would live in it, not convert it to a rental or investment property. "That suited me just perfectly!" says Bill.

But as soon as he moved in, "I realized that I had bought a huge pile of trouble: all the leaks in the house. The heating is inadequate; it's those little baseboard heaters," he explains. "I've just been watching this house fall apart right underneath me."

With mortgage payments and a limited income, he had no funds to make repairs. After seeing an ad for Energy Resource Center, he decided to approach them for help. A staff member there told him about Pikes Peak Habitat's home repair program, and after he filled out the application, he quickly qualified and began speaking with staff and volunteers about the repairs he needed.

"I think that was God-sent, it really was," he says. "Everybody that has come here has been kind, helpful, compassionate."

Between them, Energy Resource Center and Pikes Peak Habitat replaced most of the windows in his home. We also worked with Owens Corning's roof deployment project and local contractor Old World Roofing to replace Bill's roof. And our repair crew installed a mini-split heating and cooling system – the same one we install in the new homes we build – to replace the ancient heaters that had become a fire hazard.

"You can't look any direction where they didn't do something," says Bill.

But far more impactful than the physical changes to his home – crucial as those are for Bill's health and safety – have been his experiences with the people he has met through the process.

"If there's a thousand percent difference, it's just like another world, a world I didn't know existed," he



Above, Bill talks about his experience with the Pikes Peak Habitat home repair crew. Below, he chats with volunteer and fellow veteran Maggie Dover during the Owens Corning roof deployment. Bottom, Bill holds a handmade quilt donated by a local craft group that partners with Pikes Peak Habitat.



says. "A world of honest, forthright people...I had a lot of good things happen to me that I can't really explain."

He adds, "It's like a whole new family. And now I got the ReStore people, and that's like another whole family!"

Bill is paying it forward – and continuing his association with Pikes Peak Habitat – by volunteering at the ReStore South, 411. S. Wahsatch Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, each week.

As a Colorado Springs native, he grew up visiting the lumberyard that occupied the space where the ReStore is now, so volunteering there brings back memories.

"I've been to that building that is the ReStore since I was a little kid," he recalls. "My dad would always take me in there to get his hammers and stuff, his tools."

He's developing connections with coworkers there. "The ReStore is someplace real special," he says. "Del, the guy I work with, he's only three years younger than me. It's like we're brothers!"

He says working with Pikes Peak Habitat volunteers and staff has "reinforced my belief in a higher being, and just knowing that no matter how much I feel alone, I'm not alone. And he won't abandon me...When he puts his hand on you, you know it. And I know it. Every day I know it now."

Bill's home has a beautiful view of Pikes Peak, and he is intentional about enjoying it.

"I always see the sun rise, and I always see the sun set every day," he says. "If I don't do anything else, I watch the sun come up and watch the sun go down because that's what he wants me to do. That's when I acknowledge his power over everything. So this has been something that I've never had in my life: a religious experience."

Volunteers Take Center Stage at Annual Appreciation Event

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, and we wouldn't be able to do the work we do – promoting affordable homeownership in El Paso County; partnering with workforce families to build new homes; providing critical repairs to seniors, veterans, and other cost-burdened homeowners; advocating for systemic changes to make homeownership more affordable for more people – without our dedicated, skilled, passionate, and energetic volunteers!

Although we're grateful for our volunteers every day, we set aside a special evening each April to recognize them: our Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year's celebration took place April 18 at The Pinery at the Hill, and we are thankful to GE Johnson for serving as the event sponsor. We were delighted with the chance to recognize many of our committed volunteers and to present our annual awards!



Above left, Maggie Dover received the Millard Fuller Award, and Connie Dorff, right, was honored with the Linda Fuller Award. Named for the Habitat for Humanity founders, these awards recognize volunteers who demonstrate leadership and compassion. Board president Eric Stolp, left, and Pikes Peak Habitat CEO Kris Lewis, right, join Dover. Dorff stands between home repair project supervisor Brandon Weaver (left) and volunteer manager Sarah Buchen.



The Foundation for Successful Living (above left) was named ReStore South Group of the Year, while the North Colorado Springs Rotary Club (left) was the ReStore Northeast Group of the Year. Construction Group of the Year honors went to Colorado Springs Utilities (right).



Left, Bobby Ingels (shown with Lewis) received the Chris Brownlow Golden Hammer Award for displaying the same qualities of joy and love that Brownlow exhibited. Right, Mike Gallagher was honored with the Journeyman Award for his long-term service and behind-the-scenes work.



Right, Laurel and Art Thorstensen became the fourth recipients of the George Hammond Award, which honors individuals who have exhibited leadership, an unwavering belief in Habitat's ministry, and a deep devotion and passion to serve the people of El Paso County.



At left, award namesake George Hammond joins second award winner Harry Moore (center) and third winner Tim Trowbridge (right).



Energy Star Rating Confirms Efficiency of New Homes



Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity recently celebrated a milestone in our ongoing efforts to make our homes more energy-efficient and cost-effective for homeowners: receiving certification through the Energy Star Residential New Construction program.

“Since we are all electric, and we are and have been building our houses so tightly and in compliance with, or even beyond, the international energy conservation codes, we checked to see if we could get our Energy Star rating,” explains Eric Wells, construction superintendent. “We were practically doing 95% of what we needed to do.”

One change we did have to make, he says, was upgrading bathroom fans and other appliances to Energy Star-rated models. Another adjustment was adding foam board to the insulation already installed in truss heels – the space in the attic where the roof meets the walls – to ensure air can’t pass between the interior and outdoors.

While our homes aren’t yet net-zero – meaning they would produce as much as energy as they consume, or even more – we’re working toward this goal. Transitioning from natural gas to all-electric homes, a process we began in 2022 and completed in increments, has positive environmental impacts and also has lowered homeowners’ utility costs.

“We can generate electricity, and so our goal with going all electric with our houses is just one more step towards the net-zero,” Wells explains. “We also removed gas because no matter how much you use...you still have this basic charge for the meter itself every month.”

He says making the switch involved some risks but has proven worthwhile. We’ve replaced forced-air natural-gas units with hybrid water heaters, and natural-gas furnaces with mini-split heat pump systems. Pikes

Peak Habitat staff served as guinea pigs, trying out a water heater at the business office and a mini-split system in the construction trailer.

“We did test it out on ourselves first, and we were fairly confident it would work,” Wells says. “It worked even better than we could have hoped for.”

Beyond eliminating natural gas, another reason for installing the mini-split systems is because they provide air conditioning as well as heating.

“Here in Colorado, and everywhere else, summers are getting warmer and warmer,” he notes. “After that winter and the following summer, where [the homeowners] were able to utilize the AC, which previous homeowners weren’t able to, it worked exactly as we had hoped it would.”

Wells continues to explore options for keeping utility and insurance costs down for homeowners while making homes increasingly energy-efficient.

“What I like about what we’re doing here at Habitat is that we can be the cutting edge of experimenting with different technologies,” he says. “We’ll be able to find out what works for us as a builder, what works for homeowners for the long term, and the lessons we learn here are lessons that builders who aren’t non-profit would be able to take from us and use in their own builds. We can show the rebates that we’re able to get to recoup some of these costs. We can show that the technology works and that people are wanting it; it’s a benefit, and we can show that we can do it cost-effectively.”

He concludes, “Our homes are some of the highest quality. I’ve built homes across the United States, and I’m really, really proud of what we’re building here.”

[Visit PikesPeakHabitat.org/blog](https://www.pikespeakhabitat.org/blog) for more behind-the-scenes insights into our construction site!

Special Kids Special Families Partnership Offers New Possibilities

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity is embarking on a new partnership with another area nonprofit: Special Kids Special Families, which “provide[s] wraparound services across the lifespan for people with disabilities,” according to Derek Wilson, senior director of development and communications for SKSF.

“Special Kids Special Families reached out to Pikes Peak Habitat because they knew of our home modification program from our partnership with Silver Key Senior Services,” explains Laura Williams-Parrish, Pikes Peak Habitat assistant director of strategic partnerships. “With Silver Key, we were able to help seniors safely age in place, affordably and with dignity. Likewise, the need for safe and accessible home modifications for SKSF clients who have disabilities seems like a natural fit for our home repair program.”

Wilson notes that while the organizations have different missions, “there’s some synergies. Having that open dialogue, those channels of communication, the ability to make recommendations” can benefit the people we serve. For example, he says, “We do frequently get people who say things like, ‘I need a home that’s accessible,’ or ‘I have a home and I need it to become accessible.’”

He says some of the services SKSF offers – such as affordable daycare, veteran programs, and senior services – might also appeal to Pikes Peak Habitat homeowners.

“For 25 years we’ve been committed to making the Pikes Peak region the best community in the nation for those individuals with a disability,” Wilson explains. “We do that by promoting, strengthening, and supporting through three essential pillars of service.”

SKSF offers childcare through Zach’s Place, which provides respite services for foster families as well as specialized, one-to-one care for children with special needs.

“We don’t turn anybody away for inability to pay,” says Wilson. With the average cost of childcare around \$20 per hour, workforce parents may struggle to cover this expense, so Zach’s Place arranges sliding-scale payments, accepts waivers, and works with The Resource Exchange (TRE) to ensure that families who need childcare have access.



Derek Wilson talks about the services available through Special Kids Special Families.

SKSF also offers fostering and adoption services to “families that are looking to open up their hearts and their homes,” Wilson says.

In addition, they provide a range of adult and senior services. Joey’s Place is an adult daycare center, and SKSF also works with residential host homes, which contribute “foster care for adults with special needs,” explains Wilson. And the Building Connections community group helps “high-functioning individuals with special needs learn life skills and confidence building,” he says.

Finally, SKSF offers additional support and empowerment services, which include behavioral and mental health counseling, assessments, cultural resources, and veteran services. The organization holds a Class B license for home healthcare and also fields a fleet of 16 vehicles that supply transportation to people with disabilities.

“We do provide services in the center, in the home, and in the community,” Wilson says. “We meet people where they’re at.”

The hope is that a partnership between SKSF and Pikes Peak Habitat will expand both organizations’ capacity to serve El Paso County residents.

“What dreams might come, what endless possibilities are out there?” says Wilson. “We’re all about making this a great community. That only happens through collaboration and partnerships.”



Celebrating 25 years serving the Pikes Peak Community

A Time for Joy: Celebrating Milestones with Families

Saturday, April 27, dawned with drizzle that quickly turned to snow – but that didn't stop two families from celebrating their homeownership journeys with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity!

First, at 9:30 a.m., we held the ground blessing for Isxel's three-bedroom home, which is our 4th Interfaith Build for Unity. Because of the weather, the ceremony took place inside one of the other homes being built, then Isxel and her two children, along with Pikes Peak Habitat CEO Kris Lewis, headed outside to shovel dirt.

After that, we moved to the home next door, where Maria and her teenage twins will live. Her adult son joined the family for the dedication. The home, built through the Fund for Humanity, has three bedrooms, and Maria, who works with plants, began beautifying her patio and yard as soon as the weather permitted!

Construction supervisor Gary Blake, during his final day before retiring, presented Maria and her family with a Bible and hammer symbolizing Habitat's Christian roots and Maria's work in helping build her home and those of her neighbors.

Our next celebrations take place Saturday, July 13, at The Ridge at Sand Creek. Tonya's ground blessing is at 9 a.m., followed by Janice's home dedication at 9:30 a.m., and Ida, Alex, and Lucia's home dedication – the Maverik Build – at 10:30 a.m.



Above, Isxel and her children are joined by Pikes Peak Habitat CEO Kris Lewis (left) and board member Tim Trowbridge (right) for the ground blessing. Below, Isxel's family and Lewis shovel dirt from a snow-covered pile.



Below left, Maria and her teenage twins, who live in the three-bedroom home, are joined by her adult son for the dedication. Center, construction supervisor Gary Blake, in one of his final acts before retiring from Pikes Peak Habitat, presents the family with a golden hammer symbolizing the sweat equity Maria invested in building her home. Right, Maria and next-door neighbor Jessica, 3rd Interfaith Build for Unity homeowner, chat after the ceremony.

"Maria, she's very outgoing like me," says Jessica. "She loves flowers. She teaches me how not to kill mine!"



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Interfaith Programs Enter New Era



Left, Thomas Thompson from the Colorado Springs Mayor's Office greets Feda Jodeh from the Islamic Society at the Interfaith Dialogue. Right, Board President Eric Stolp moderates as panelists—from left, future homeowner Janice, Dick Conn, future homeowner Gilas, and Kamel Elwazeir—discuss their faith traditions.



The past several months have been banner ones for Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity's interfaith programs. Our February U.N. World Interfaith Harmony Week events, including the Interfaith Dialogue held on the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs campus, earned second place in the H.M. King Abdullah II U.N. World Interfaith Harmony Week prize competition. We've debuted our eight-part interfaith video training series, created as part of the White House's Team Up bridgebuilding initiative, and we also launched our 4th Interfaith Build for Unity (IBU) with future homeowner Isxel.

On a more bittersweet note, Chloe Henry is leaving her role as Pikes Peak Habitat's Faith in Action program manager. After completing the ordination process, her husband has accepted a position at a church in Texas.

"It's been a true pleasure to be able to work with the IBU and the Apostles Build subcommittee members," says Henry. "These are individuals who are deeply passionate about the builds that they're working on and about serving individuals and families in our community, so it's been a joy and a blessing to be able to learn from each and every one of them and to be able to pull from their professional, personal, and faith-based experiences to help drive the builds forward."

Henry continues to work part-time through the summer, assisting with the transition as a new Faith in Action program manager is hired and steps into the role. She emphasizes that both subcommittees also remain active and will help guide this process.

"My family and I are really excited about this new opportunity in our life," she says. "It's also very bittersweet because we have so enjoyed the relationships that we had the opportunity to build here at Pikes Peak Habitat. However, we are really

excited to see what this next season will look like for Pikes Peak Habitat and particularly for the faith programs, and we're excited to cheer everyone on from afar!"

Interfaith Award

The second-place prize for the H.M. King Abdullah II U.N. World Interfaith Harmony Week competition includes a silver medal and \$3,000, which will be presented at the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., on July 16.

In addition to Henry, Pikes Peak Habitat CEO Kris Lewis and Board President Eric Stolp are also attending the celebration. Habitat for Humanity International staff members Anna (Brandt) Castelli, U.S. faith engagement manager; Carley Ruff, senior director of U.S. government relations; and Peter Rumsey, director operations, housing and community strategy, will join them in Washington, D.C. In addition to attending the ceremony, the group will meet with the White House's Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

"It's an honor for our Pikes Peak Habitat affiliate and our work over the past year to be recognized, not only on the national level with the Team Up initiative but also at the international level with the World Interfaith Harmony Week competition," says Henry. "This award is a testament to the dedication of all of our faith-based partners, community organizations, and universities that we're able to work with to make this event happen."

Team Up Training Night

Catholic Charities USA, Habitat for Humanity International, Interfaith America, and YMCA of the USA partnered for the Team Up launch. As our contribution to the program, Pikes Peak Habitat



Scan the QR code to access our Team Up videos and training workbook.

created a series of eight training videos focused on our IBU and interfaith work. We held an event in April to introduce the videos, which are available on our website. IBU subcommittee chair Jeff Ader and members Feda Jodeh and Jeff Mawhirter, all of whom appear in the videos, shared their insights.

“I think a fringe benefit for me has been the friendships I’ve made amongst folks from different

faiths,” says Ader, president of Temple Beit Torah. “You find out that the things that we disagree on are so minor compared to the things we agree on.”

“The responsibility has been huge, realizing how much the rest of the nation and the world is now actually paying attention to our little work here in Colorado Springs!” says Mawhirter of Christ City Church. “For me to prepare for the videos was interesting, because we’ve been doing this long enough that we’ve got good relationships and it’s just natural.”

Jodeh notes that it’s been meaningful for her community, the Islamic Society of Colorado Springs, to participate in interfaith work and provide a counter to negative portrayals of their faith. She invites “nonprofit and for-profit organizations, connect with us! Watch this video. See what it is that needs to be done in the community so that change can happen in the right direction.”



Above, from left, Feda Jodeh, Jeff Ader, and Jeff Mawhirter discuss their perspectives on the Team Up interfaith training video series and their experiences with Pikes Peak Habitat’s Interfaith Build for Unity. Right, future homeowner Isxel, an educator, embraces Chloe Henry at the 4th IBU kickoff event.



Oregon Trip Will Help Rebuild Area Devasted by Fire

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent are partnering on a disaster recovery trip Oct. 6-12 to Medford, Oregon, to work with Habitat Rogue Valley – and spots are still available!

“We were intentional in choosing this location because it does offer an opportunity for us to be able to do fire mitigation work and to work with a community that has been affected by a devastating wildfire,” says Chloe Henry, Faith in Action program manager.



Photo is courtesy of Habitat Rogue Valley. Scan the QR code to learn more about the trip!

“We know that so many in El Paso County have been affected by fires in our own community, and so our hope and prayer is that this is a great trip for those that might be very passionate about disaster relief or for individuals and community members who might have been affected by a similar natural disaster.”

The Alameda fire, the most destructive and expensive in Oregon history, devastated this area in September 2020, leaving a 13-mile-long burn scar, destroying 2,600 homes, and displacing 10,000 people.

The trip costs \$610 for Thrivent clients with benefit membership and \$1,060 for all others. Program donation and registration are due by Aug. 22. Thrivent’s contributions help offset overall costs for all participants.

“This marks the start of our national and global programs, which have been on hold since the pandemic,” says Henry. “We’re really excited to be able to work on this trip and to build momentum for future trips with Thrivent.”

Our Global Village work trip is tentatively scheduled to the Dominican Republic in summer 2025.



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Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.



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