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# U.S. Army Veteran and Family Move into New Home Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Veterans Day with Home Dedication

**Colorado Springs, CO** (Nov. 4, 2024) — "I'm looking forward to giving the girls a better future, giving them a home instead of rooms," says <u>Damian, a U.S. Army veteran</u> and father of twin girls. He and his wife, Trinady, are expecting another addition to their family—just in time to join them in their new Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity home this month!



Pikes Peak Habitat will celebrate Veterans Day by dedicating Damian and Trinady's home, our 5<sup>th</sup> Veterans Build, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m., at The Ridge at Sand Creek, 868 Bidwell Dr., Colorado Springs 80915, Media and members of the public are welcome to attend. Damian, Trinady, and Pikes Peak Habitat staff will be available for interviews after the ceremony, and visitors will have the chance to tour the three-bedroom, two-bathroom home.

Through a joint Building Community program between The Home Depot Foundation, Habitat for Humanity International, and Home Builders Institute (HBI), Pikes Peak Habitat was awarded \$158,000 for the home. As part of this program, Pikes Peak Habitat partnered with HBI students from Fort Carson, who helped build the home and received on-the-job skilled trades training. Their contributions will be recognized at the home dedication.

Since retiring from the Army, Damian has worked as a delivery driver, while Trinady finishes her master's degree in criminal justice and national security intelligence. They live in a low-income apartment in an unsafe area, where they've experienced attempted break-ins and pervasive mold. One of their daughters also has a rare blood disorder, so they're excited to move their family into a safe, healthy home.

"There's a lot of military people that need it. A lot of people get out of the military, and they don't know where to go...and so they either end up on the streets or just working bad jobs or just not doing anything with their lives," Damian says.

"We as a family are thankful," agrees Trinady. "Not a lot of veterans get this kind of opportunity. Changing from being a soldier to being a civilian and working a regular job can be tough, and lots of veterans struggle to find their feet once out of the military. So helping veterans and their families is so amazing, and we are so thankful as well to all those who are willing to help."

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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 300 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit <u>http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

## **About The Home Depot Foundation**

The Home Depot Foundation, the nonprofit arm of The Home Depot (NYSE: HD), works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than \$500 million in veteran causes and improved more than 60,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest \$750 million in veteran causes by 2030 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program by 2028. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation visit HomeDepotFoundation.