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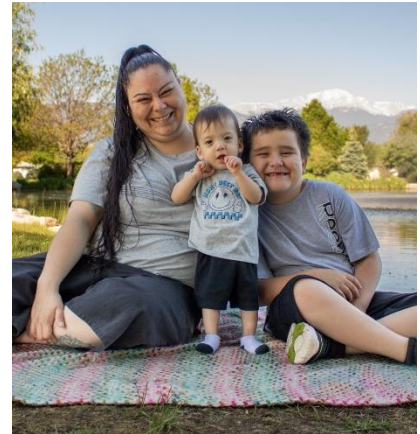
Media Advisory

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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Home a Huge Blessing for Family Who Needs a Break House Built in Honor of Former Habitat Executive Director Becomes Home for Daycare Teacher

WHAT: On Saturday, June 21, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., daycare teacher Tamara and her two sons will celebrate the dedication of their new Habitat house in The Ridge at Sand Creek neighborhood. The family has lived in an apartment for two years in an area where shootings have occurred – bullets even hit their apartment. “If you walk around, you can see where all the bullet holes are,” Tamara says. “If it would have gone through the wall, it would have hit me.” The blessing of homeownership is not lost on Tamara. She is grateful to be able to afford her own home now in a safe and secure neighborhood.



Tamara and her sons

The house is built in memoriam of Paul Johnson who served as Pikes Peak Habitat’s executive director from 1997 until his retirement in 2014. During Johnson’s 17-year tenure, he spearheaded the development of two neighborhood communities – Woodmen Vistas in Colorado Springs, where Pikes Peak Habitat built 37 homes, and Country Living in Fountain, with 34. Under his leadership, the Habitat affiliate built 100 homes in El Paso County. He passed away in 2024 in Carlsbad, California.

The public is welcome to attend. After the celebration, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the residence.

WHO: Tamara and her family, future Habitat homeowners
Penelope Johnson (wife of Paul Johnson) and family
Kris Lewis, Pikes Peak Habitat CEO

WHEN: Saturday, June 21, 2025
10:30-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: 868 Bidwell Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

As with all Pikes Peak Habitat homeowners, the family must show (1) a need for affordable housing such as overcrowding, unhealthy or unsanitary conditions, unaffordable rent, and/or an unsafe neighborhood; (2) a willingness to partner with Habitat by completing homebuyer education (credit counseling, budgeting, estate planning, protecting assets and more), as well as investing 200 “sweat equity” hours to build their house; and (3) the ability to purchase the house and pay the mortgage.

Note: To honor the privacy of our current and future homeowners and their families, Pikes Peak Habitat does not publicly share their last names. Individual homeowners may provide full names to media if they choose, but we respectfully request that they be given the option to use only first names if they prefer.

For more information about Johnson’s legacy, please visit <https://pikespeakhabitat.org/paul-johnson/>

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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 <http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org> and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).