

TRANSFORMING LIVES
BUILDING COMMUNITY



Pikes Peak
Habitat
for Humanity®

year in review

July 1, 2024 — June 30, 2025

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jessica and maria

**“I feel really great having you as my neighbor,”
Maria shares.**

“I can trust you and rely on you. Everybody says it takes a village, but for us it kind of takes neighbors. We just look out for each other. We look out for each other’s kids. If I need anything, you’re always there for me.”

Jessica agrees. “I’ve never had a support system. When I moved into a Habitat home, I was already so grateful to have a home, right? But never in a million years would I have thought I would have gotten a best friend, a sister, and a support system.”

Not only has homeownership changed Jessica and Maria’s day-to-day lives, but it’s also creating a generational impact for their children.

“[My kids] see where we came from and now what we have. It’s unbelievable to me most days, and it’s unbelievable for them, too. They have their own space; they have their own rooms. I feel like they get along better now, and my kids are really proud of me,” says Maria.

“I’ll be leaving Bryson a legacy,” shares Jessica, speaking about her 10-year-old son. “It makes me really happy...We used to get off work and school, but we weren’t off. We had to go to this hot, small home. We had no space, no time to relax. Now it’s like a breath of fresh air. We have space. We’re going to have a nice dinner. We’re going to make forts. We’re going to have sword fights.”

Both women emphasize how the homeownership program helped them gain financial independence as well. “Moving kind of pushed me out of my comfort zone,” shares Jessica. “It made me more responsible with my finances, you know?”

Maria agrees, “Oh yeah, now being a new homeowner, as far as my budgeting goes, I’m on it...And I can tell you, the classes that we went through before, pre-homeownership...It really prepared us. If we weren’t prepared for life before, then we are now.”

Now Jessica and Maria get to enjoy their homes and everything that comes with them. “I have a beautiful garden...In all my years of gardening for other people and gardening in my life, it’s never been mine,” says Maria. Jessica adds, “[My son] can have friends over. I can have family over. We have a yard.”

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“Being a part of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity has been one of the best things in my life,” shares Maria. “Meeting so many new people and volunteers and partners of Pikes Peak Habitat. It’s been awesome. [The biggest change in my life is] a sense

of pride and ownership. Being a single mom in 2025 and living in Colorado Springs and being able to buy a home is awesome. I almost feel elite.”

When Jessica and Maria discuss decorating their homes for the holidays and hosting family for Thanksgiving, it’s clear the conversation comes easily with these friends, turned neighbors, turned sisters. This is where Habitat’s mission is brought to life—building **homes** that endure, **communities** that feel like family, and **hope** that turns dreams into reality.





Both Jessica and Maria moved into their Pikes Peak Habitat home in the winter of 2024. After meeting on the construction site during their time completing their sweat equity hours, they became quick friends. Both women see the impact homeownership has had on their lives, and both are grateful to have made such a close friend throughout the process.

CREATE

- 42** | Individuals impacted through the Homeownership Program, including 20 children
- 138** | Hours of homebuyer education completed
- \$191,600** | Tithed to our international partners, enabling 43 families to secure safe housing
- \$230,689** | Reinvested into the community through Habitat homeowners' property tax payments



PROMOTE

- 10** | Face-to-face meetings at all levels of government
- 45** | Letters and petitions
- 25** | Housing-related bills introduced in the Colorado General Assembly

PRESERVE

- 28** | Repairs completed
- 35** | Individuals impacted through the home repair program, including 4 veterans
- 66** | Average age of a home repair client

YOUR IMPACT

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WE CREATE, PRESERVE, AND PROMOTE A**

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Volunteers

- 2,981** | Volunteers gave their time at build and home repair sites, and in our ReStores
- 47,622** | Hours served by volunteers, equating to 23 full-time employees
- 20** | Congregations participated in our Faith in Action Program



Donors

- 239** | First-time donors
- 52** | Hope Builders made recurring monthly or quarterly donations
- 52** | Cars donated through the Cars for Homes program totaling over \$30,000

ReStore

- \$1,020,922** | Net profit reinvested into our mission
- 385** | Tons of materials diverted from landfills
- 27,639** | Donations of building materials, furniture, and more



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AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP



REPAIRS THAT

RESTORE HOPE

Pikes Peak Habitat's Home Repair Program enhances the health, safety, and accessibility of homes for cost-burdened homeowners in El Paso County. In fiscal year 2025, the program addressed a wide range of needs—from simple fixes like grab-bar installations to more complex projects like full deck rebuilds and siding replacement. Each of the 28 repairs completed this year empowered a local homeowner to safely remain in their home.

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For Frances, a longtime El Paso County resident living with a disability and on a fixed income, the repairs were life-changing.

"The whole sewage line was clogged," she recalls. "I couldn't do dishes, laundry, or even use the toilets. I would do a few dishes at a time and then have to sit down. Physically, it was a real hardship."

She reached out to Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity for help. The Home Repair team began by clearing root intrusions from the exterior pipes to restore sewage access. But the work didn't stop there.

"They walked around my house to see what else was needed," Frances says. "They found that, because my awning was in such bad shape, the fascia on the house was actually rotting. I love to sit outside, but I couldn't really enjoy it—especially after a hailstorm left big holes in the awning."

Pikes Peak Habitat's team addressed the sewage issue, removed the damaged awning, replaced the rotting fascia, and repaired her garbage disposal. With the repairs completed, Frances can now use her bathroom and washing machine again and take care of daily tasks with far less strain. She can also comfortably enjoy her backyard once more.

"I just love to hear the birds and enjoy the fresh air," she shares. "It's part of my health and my recovery." After more than 40 years in her home, Frances can now continue living safely and independently in the place she loves most. "This is my forever home," she says. "I'm widowed, and I want to eventually pass the house on to my boys." Thanks to Pikes Peak Habitat's Home Repair Program, that dream is now a reality.



from the ceo

Dear Habitat Family,

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2025, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all we've accomplished together. Every home built, every repair completed, and every voice raised in advocacy has brought us closer to our vision: a world where everyone has a safe, decent place to call home.

This year, we saw the power of community in action. Through our **Create** efforts, 42 individuals—including 20 children—became Habitat homeowners, equipped with the foundation and stability to thrive. Our **Preserve** initiatives ensured that 35 individuals, including 4 veterans, could remain safely in their homes with dignity. And through **Promote**, we amplified the call for affordable housing, engaging elected officials and analyzing key legislation to shape a more equitable future. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our volunteers, generous donors, dedicated ReStore shoppers, and the committed service of our committee and board members, whose time, expertise, and leadership fueled every step of our mission.

One of our most exciting milestones was the realization of the Rising Moon neighborhood, a 41-home development in southeastern El Paso County. A standout feature of this neighborhood is the partnership with Widefield School District 3 and Careers in Construction Colorado through the *Housing for Educators* program. This innovative collaboration not only expands the supply of affordable housing—with at least one-third of the homes designated for D3 educators—but also invests in the next generation of builders and leaders.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that homeownership fosters self-sufficiency, independence, security, and peace of mind. A stable home is more than shelter—it's a foundation for families to grow, for children to learn, and for communities to flourish.

Looking ahead, our new Strategic Plan will guide us with clarity and purpose. We will:

- **Create** more opportunities by acquiring and developing land;
- **Preserve** housing through expanded repair programs;
- **Promote** awareness and engagement through strategic partnerships;
- Strengthen our **financial sustainability** through increased diversification of funding;
- And **advocate** boldly for affordable housing supply, resilience, and access at every societal level.

Together, we build more than homes—we build hope, stability, and opportunity. Thank you for being part of this mission. Your support is the foundation of everything we do.



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