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San Luis Valley

Habitat for Humanity®

NEWSLETTER

Habitat for Humanity is a housing ministry providing affordable housing with God's people everywhere. Our goal is to eliminate poverty housing worldwide. Habitat for Humanity partners with very low-income families and provides homeownership opportunities with no-profit, 0% interest mortgages.

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**Welcome Michelle Herrera
 Habitat Homeowner-To-Be!**



Hi, my name is Michelle Herrera. I have three beautiful children. My oldest is Eve. She is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. My oldest son is Andres. He is 10 years old and in 5th grade. My youngest son is Manny. He is 6 years old and in 1st grade. I am a dental assistant for Valley Wide Health Systems. I love to make cakes, crochet and sell Scentsy. I am very excited to be a Habitat Homeowner! It will be very rewarding to provide a nice brand new home for my children. It brings me so much joy to have this opportunity. I would like to thank all of the Habitat for Humanity staff, volunteers and everyone who has given time, effort and donations towards this cause. It is because of all of you that my family and I have this opportunity, not to mention other families in the country. I also one day will be a part of the rewarding opportunity to help other families also obtain a home.

**Colorado Gives Day
 Tuesday Dec 9**

Help Us Serve More Families



Our Habitat Store is growing! Our monthly garage sales out of a storage unit have grown into a Store! We are having a capital campaign to raise moneys to purchase and renovate the building that houses our Habitat Store on Main St, Alamosa. The Store serves an important role through recycling, reusing and repurposing home improvement materials which include doors, windows, electrical, plumbing supplies and more - keeping items out of the landfills. Staff and volunteers keep our Store running, sales taxes support our community and profits are serving more families and building more Habitat Homes.

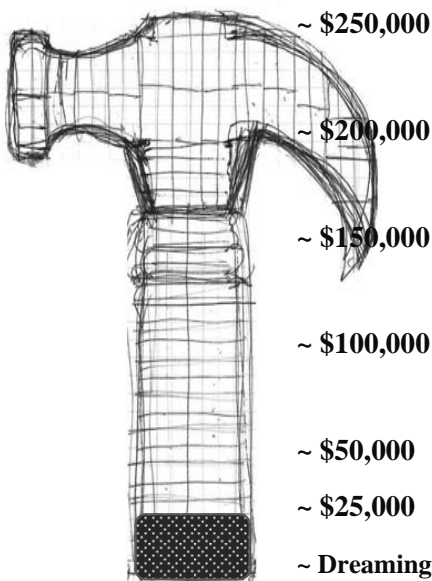
We invite you to make a contribution, in any amount, toward our goal of owning our Store building and continuing to expand our good works in the community. You can give online on Dec 9th at:

www.coloradogives.org/slvhabitat

you can pre-schedule your donation to be given on CO Gives Day or send us a check. Please consider giving to this sustainable venture that is helping our community grow!



Bike 2 Build Many, many thanks to all our riders who came from 21 cities and 5 different states to pedal the San Luis Valley Century! We had sooo much fun! We express our appreciation to the SLV Board of Realtors, Aventa Credit Union, Alamosa Optimist Club, Liz Drake & family, Kristi Mountain Sports, Bill Brinton, Diana Jones and our Habitat Board of Directors for supporting our riders and rest stops. We truly thank Alamosa Marketing District, Adams State University Alamosa State Bank, Colorado Realty & Land, First Southwest Bank, Rio Grande Savings & Loan, and SLV Federal Bank for sponsoring the ride which raised \$5000 and put a roof on Jacob's home-to-be!!



Our Capital Campaign Goal is \$250,000

We have reached 10% of our goal to Buy Our Store Building to Build More Homes

Please support our campaign and make a donation

Online donations can be given at **www.coloradogives.org/slvhabitat**

Donations also can be mailed to:
SLV Habitat for Humanity
P.O. Box 1197
Alamosa, CO 81101

Donations \$100 and over are eligible to receive Enterprise Zone tax credit in Colorado

We Heartwarmingly Invite You
*** Our House Blessing & Dedication ***



Sun, Dec 7 3 - 5pm
1530 Ross Ave,
Alamosa
Scentsy
Open House

Michelle Herrera and her family graciously invite you to our House Blessing and Dedication. Come celebrate as she and her family get ready to move into their new home! During the House Blessing, Michelle will be hosting a Scentsy Open House.

This warmer "No Place Like Home" will be featured with a free Scentsy bar for every warmer purchased. Come check out everything Scentsy has to offer!! Many other Scentsy items will also be available for purchase or for ordering. Proceeds of all sales will be donated to Habitat for Humanity! A perfect opportunity for wonderful Christmas gifts and donate to a great cause!



 Like us on Facebook [Habitat for Humanity-San Luis Valley](#)

Spirit of Giving

SLV Federal Bank is donating \$25,000 to the charities of their customers' choices again this holiday season. SLV Federal Bank customers may place one vote for each account held at the bank. Remember to fill out a voting card at the bank and vote before Dec 19.



Vote for Habitat for Humanity!

Restorative Justice **Building a Habitat Home**

Ridge View Academy, Rite of Passage (ROP) Carpentry students had the wonderful opportunity to "give back to the community" through meaningful restorative justice. This past spring, ROP students framed the walls for Jacob's Home-to-be at their school woodshop in Watkins, CO. The walls were loaded on a flatbed truck bound for the San Luis Valley. Five students joined their instructors and came to work with our staff, volunteers, and Jacob to raise the walls and to set roof trusses. ROP instructor Rich Gruber said, "Working with these students every day of the week has been a transformative experience. Teaching the craft of homebuilding to a group of young men at such a critical point in their lives, is truly an honor and a privilege. The enthusiasm these young men display in their desire to learn this trade gives me great hope in both their future as productive citizens and in the building trades."

Ridge View Academy has provided residential services to male adolescents since 2001. The Carpentry curriculum is a complete overview of all aspects of the carpentry trade. Our Habitat Project provided an opportunity for the students to read and interpret blueprints, learn basic job-site and shop safety, tool safety and usage, site layout, building, design and execution. The job site work furthered the experience as the students raised, straightened and braced the walls, and set the roof trusses. The project provided a foundation for students to continue on a pathway to a construction career by giving the students real job-site experience as well as the satisfaction of seeing the tangible and positive results of building a home with people in need. In the words of ROP student Lantz, "It was amazing. I got to experience what it's really like to be on a job site and construct an actual house. It was a pleasure working with the recipients of the home. They were very happy and grateful and their smiling faces showed that they really appreciated our work."



Habitat Store
507 Main Street, Alamosa
Open TUE - SAT
9 am - 3 pm

~ Accepting donations of new and gently used building materials ~

- 1st Weds of the month: Donation pick-ups Monte Vista, Del Norte, South Fork region
- 2nd Weds of the month: Donation pick-ups La Jara, Manassa, Antonito region
- Donation pick-ups in Alamosa and other areas upon request
- To arrange for a pickup, please call the Habitat Store at (719) 589-8688

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