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San Luis Valley  
**Habitat**  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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

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**Welcome Eileen  
 Habitat Homeowner-to-Be !!**



Eileen and her family are working hard to build their future Habitat Home. Eileen's sister & brother-in-law's family are also helping Eileen with her 500 hours of sweat equity.

My name is Eileen Blas. I was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up in Long Island. I have 4 children, 3 daughters and 1 son, and 4 grandchildren. My interests are cooking and baking. I love gardening and my 2 fur babies, our dog Echo and Waffles our cat. I lived in Florida for a few years before coming to live in Alamosa. My sister moved to Alamosa a few years ago and invited me to come and visit and see if I liked it. I needed a change in my life and fell in love with this small town and decided to move here. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I soon found an apartment of my own and a job and I settled into life here with my 2 youngest children, Johnanthony and Anjolei. My first job was at Milagros Coffee House. I am now working at Cattails Grille where I have longer hours and a higher income. I love and enjoy my job. I have always wanted to own a house and when I heard about Habitat for Humanity I applied. To my great joy and happiness, I was accepted into the program. It's a dream come true to own a house for my children and myself.

*Eileen*

**Tim & Gena (and Ira!) Dellett  
 Gearing up for the Habitat 500**

Our bikes, legs, and hearts are ready to go! Due to ankle surgery and the birth of Ira Adair Dellett, it's been two years since we participated in the Habitat 500. We welcomed Ira into the world on July 1, 2015. He's been a great coach and motivator for us out on the road since then. He also has been consistent at getting us up early, which is good practice for those early morning departures. We are prepared to ride at all hours of the day – and night.

“Home” has a stronger meaning for us now, with Ira in our lives. It is still the place we relax and hang our helmets and bikes. Now, it is also a safe, loving place for our young son to grow and explore. Every day the three of us learn more about each other, with our family love growing stronger.

We are excited to introduce Ira to the Habitat 500 this year, with the hopes that one day he too will learn the joy in participating in a great cause – greater than himself.

We invite you to support the invaluable work of Habitat for Humanity in building safe, affordable housing in the San Luis Valley. Mail in a pledge to support our ride and Habitat for Humanity.



**Building on a Foundation of Family**



*Tim, Gena & Ira, too!*



**~ Habitat 500 ~**

Tim & Gena Dellett are pedaling 1,000 miles  
 Raising funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity  
 Yes, I would like to support Tim & Gena's pedaling

**I am giving**



- 2¢ a mile \$20**
- 5¢ a mile \$50**
- 10¢ a mile \$100**
- 20¢ a mile \$200**
- 50¢ a mile \$500**
- \$1 a mile \$1,000**
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Donations can be mailed to  
 SLV Habitat for Humanity  
 PO Box 1197  
 Alamosa, CO 81101**

Donations \$100 or more receive 25% tax credit in CO thru the Enterprise Zone.

*U Penn students shingle the roof during spring break*



*Women Build framing interior walls*



*Preparing the exterior for stucco*



*SLV Health building walls during Hospital Week*

**Construction - 1520 Ross Ave, Alamosa**

is coming along. Work crews have completed the roof, installed windows, framed the interior walls, plumbing electrical and trombe wall rough-ins are done, and the exterior insulation and stucco netting is up. This summer we'll stucco the exterior and drywall the interior.

**City Market Gives - Donate by Shopping!**

Shopping at City Market? Your purchases can donate to Habitat when you enroll your value card number at [www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com](http://www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com) and select San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity. City Market will donate to Habitat based upon your purchase amounts and a percentage of all participating City Market value card shoppers. The more members and supporters signed up who are shopping at City Market, the greater the donations!



**Habitat for Humanity is seeking a candidate for Construction Coordinator** with prior home-building experience and strong interpersonal skills to manage and supervise home construction in Alamosa. Construction is focused during the summer months, partial-time in fall and spring. Interested individuals should contact Habitat at (719) 589-8678.

**SAT JULY 16 · 2016**

**bike2build**  
SAN LUIS VALLEY CENTURY

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**Bike 2 Build, The San Luis Valley Century - Sat, July 16**  
Embraced by the dramatic 14,000 ft peaks of the Sangre de Christo and San Juan Mountains, come pedal for a place to call HOME! Bike2Build offers a 35-mile, Metric Century and the 100-mile Century route. Experience the great expanse of the San Luis Valley pedaling beneath the forever reaching blue skies! The ride is fully supported with rest stops every 20-30 miles with yummy snacks, great conversation and beautiful views! Bike2Build is a benefit ride to support Habitat's work. Registration info is available at [www.slvhabitat.org](http://www.slvhabitat.org), call (719) 589-8678 or email [bikes@slvhabitat.org](mailto:bikes@slvhabitat.org).

**Concert Train Outing, Sons & Brothers - Sun July 17**  
A beautiful scenic ride in the mountains to an outdoor concert venue. Hailing from Westcliffe, Colorado's premier brother band brings unique energy, instrumental prowess and a powerful family harmony to the roots music genre. Based solidly in the Mountain West, a dynamic contrast of songs and sounds range from stirring ballads, powerful gospel numbers to fire breathing instrumentals, poignant stories of family life, the mountains and the American West. Train boards in Alamosa at 10am. \$30 per ticket includes lunch. For tickets call Habitat (719) 589-8678 or email [bikes@slvhabitat.org](mailto:bikes@slvhabitat.org).

**You are cordially invited**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Thursday, June 30 7 - 8:30 pm**  
**Alamosa Presbyterian Church**  
**330 San Juan Ave, Alamosa**  
**outside on the front lawn**

*Come support Habitat for Humanity  
 Tim & Gena Dellett pedaling the Habitat 500  
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