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San Luis Valley

**Habitat
for Humanity®
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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Eileen is Home!!

Eileen and her family have been enjoying their Habitat Home! They settled in just before spring and over the summer the Boulder Presbyterian Youth moved very large boulders (no pun intended!!) and helped to landscape the front yard. It looks and feels like home!!



It has been a while since you received our newsletter, over a year. The amazing Habitat Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers were so very supportive and gracious as my daughter and I were away the past year to care for my mother. As I look back on the times growing up, a very essential element of our family was having a warm and safe place to call home. Climbing the tree in our front yard, drawing a city with chalk in the road as we rode our bikes through it, planting a garden where my brother grew his first watermelon, waiting for the school bus with our neighborhood kids at the end of our street, sitting down having dinner together as a family. It is this foundation that is such an inspiration to work with Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks and so much appreciation to our dedicated Habitat crew for keeping things running smoothly and allowing me to make the final journey with my mother, for all the hearts and hands it takes to create a safe, stable and affordable place called HOME.

~ Audrey Liu, Executive Director

SLV Federal Bank * Spirit of Giving



Started in 1999, SLV Federal Bank's annual holiday Spirit of Giving donates to the great work of non-profit organizations in the San Luis Valley. From Mon Nov 19 to Weds Dec 19, bank customers may cast one vote per account to share the \$30,000 gift with a favorite non-profit. The program brings out the generous spirit of our community. Fill out a voting card at the bank or you can vote online this year at www.slvfed.com.



**Schedule your donation
Colorado Gives Day,
Tuesday Dec 4
www.coloradogives.org/
SanLuisValleyHFH**

LaTara's house-to-be is looking more and more like home...



Habitat Store

OPEN TUE - SAT 9am - 3pm

**507 Main Street, Alamosa
(719) 589-8688**

**Donate New/Gently Used Building Materials
Support Habitat's Housing Efforts**

Welcome John Reesor to our Board of Directors



John and his wife Emma live in Alamosa and came to the San Luis Valley as fulltime volunteers through AmeriCorps and Mennonite Voluntary Service respectively. John now works for the City of Alamosa in Parks and Recreation, specifically working in Outdoor Recreation. John has a background in social work and has worked in various non-profits. John will have a Master's in Business Administration and attempts to approach his duties as a Habitat Board Member through the lenses of both business strategy and social work.



State of Colorado Employees

You can impact our local community through the Colorado Combined Campaign. From now until Dec 31st, it's easy to donate through workplace giving to good works such as Habitat for Humanity. Your contribution is combined with other employees and your impact is powerful!

Accepting Applications for Homeownership



Have you dreamed about owning your very own home? Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Habitat for Humanity is an international housing ministry serving low-income households who have been unable to receive a traditional home loan through conventional lending sources. Applicants contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity," time and labor, to the building of the homes and volunteering with the organization. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a no-profit mortgage. For more info about our program or to volunteer please call Habitat (719) 589-8678 or email audrey@slvhabitat.org. Habitat for Humanity is an equal housing lender.



You Can Donate by Shopping! Buy Groceries & Build Homes

Shopping at City Market? Your purchases donate to Habitat when you enroll your value card number at www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com and select San Luis Valley Habitat for Humanity. City Market will donate to SLV Habitat based upon your purchase amounts and a percentage of all participating City Market value card shoppers. The more members and Habitat supporters signed up who are shopping, the greater the donations! Sign up and **renew annually!**
Shopping at Safeway? You can help build Habitat Homes. The purchase of Safeway Gift Cards through Habitat for Humanity supports our work. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678 for Safeway Gift Cards.

Colorado GIVES DAY ~ Tuesday Dec 4 Building Homes & Hope & Dreams www.coloradogives.org/SanLuisValleyHFH

For over almost 25 years, Habitat for Humanity has been serving low-income households in the San Luis Valley with opportunities in affordable homeownership. Since 1994, 20 families have moved into simple, affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity. Over 50 children under the age of 18 have grown up in Habitat Homes. Many of the children have now graduated from high school, some have been the first in their families to pursue higher education and attend college.

We invite you to make a contribution toward our work building homes, building hope and building dreams. Give online Dec 4 www.coloradogives.org/SanLuisValleyHFH. Donations can also be pre-scheduled to be given on CO Gives Day. Consider giving to our sustainable venture that is helping our community grow!



Donations can be mailed to:

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Donations \$100 and over may qualify for Enterprise Zone Tax Credit in Colorado.



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