

# #HousingMatters



to families, to communities ... to everyone



## Celebrating home's completion, partnership with Thrivent Builds

As the new year kicks in, we are celebrating completion of the first of four homes at our [Wonderland Creek](#) site in Boulder. While closing won't take place until spring, the home passed final inspection right before the calendar turned to 2017.

The house, which will be home to [Ignacio, Stephanie and their three children](#), was generously funded in part by an \$85,000 Thrivent Builds Homes grant. The grant is one of many Flatirons Habitat for Humanity has received from the program and it funded a large portion of construction of the home, which also was aided by a generous donation from [Calvary Bible Chapel](#) (\$10,000 of a \$40,000 [Heart of Advent](#) collection given by the congregation), as well as the amazing generosity of numerous individual donors.

Thrivent Builds Homes is one of three Thrivent Builds programs that partners the financial, volunteer and advocacy resources of Thrivent Financial with the affordable housing construction leadership of Habitat for Humanity. Thrivent Builds Homes focuses on building new homes alongside Habitat partner families.

Since 2005, Thrivent Builds has awarded nearly \$600,000 in funding and contributed more than 12,000 volunteer hours to Flatirons Habitat and has changed the lives of seven families -- six through new homes and one through home repairs.

Learn more about Thrivent Financial and its programs by clicking [here](#).

## Critical home repair project underway in Boulder

We're busy on our construction sites -- completing the remaining three homes at Wonderland Creek in Boulder and a full rebuild and a partial rebuild in Jamestown -- but that's not all we're up to this month. We're also partnering with the City of Boulder Housing Division on a critical home repair project in Boulder.

We're working to get the three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath condo in north Boulder in tip-top shape so it can be sold to new homeowners. The home, which was built by Flatirons Habitat for Humanity and was completed in 2002, is designated as permanently affordable by the city of Boulder as part of the [Homeworks program](#), and will be sold below-market rate to an income eligible family.

We will be performing repair work at the home Wednesdays and Fridays, Jan. 18 and 20, and possibly Jan. 25 and 27 if needed. Work will consist mostly of painting, with carpet removal and cleaning also on the to-do list. If you've been looking for a way to volunteer with us, but would rather hoist a paintbrush than swing a hammer, this is the perfect project for you. You can sign up as a volunteer [here](#).



## Holy Smokes Cook-off canceled

We've decided to cancel this year's Holy Smokes Cook-off scheduled for Jan. 28 at Broomfield United Methodist Church. The event has had a great run, but this year's event did not have enough teams to be fully successful.

We know many of you look forward the event every year and we are sorry we had to call it off, but we hope you treat yourself to a good meal that day.

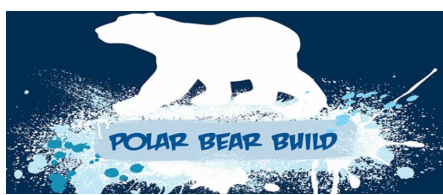
And if you want to find other ways to get involved with us, please email Development Director [Steve Hinson](#) or call him at 303-447-3787, ext. 230, or sign up for one of our Polar Bear Build days.

## Bundle up and join us for Polar Bear Builds

We're working hard to finish the final three homes at our Wonderland Creek site in Boulder, as well as two flood rebuilding projects in Jamestown, and we're not going to let wintry weather stop us.

Our Polar Bear Builds are back and will be Wednesday through Saturday now through March 18 at both construction sites. While we can't promise warm weather, we can promise you the warm feeling that will come from building decent, affordable homes for local families, including the three families whose homes are still under construction at Wonderland Creek: [Leo and Juana and their four children](#), [Kedar and Laxmi and their two children](#) and [Ralph and Jennifer and their teenage son](#). And we'll throw in a Polar Bear Build coffee mug, too.

Please join us. To sign up click [here](#).



## A quick note of thanks to our volunteers -- all 2,000+ of you

As we look back on 2016, we have to pause and say "Wow, you guys are great!"

Last year, between our construction sites and our ReStore, we had more than 2,000 volunteers who gave more than 13,500

hours of their time to us and our mission to build decent, affordable housing for local families. The [Points of Light calculator](#) estimates the value of those hours at nearly \$320,000.

Again, wow! And thanks, we couldn't do what we do without you!



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