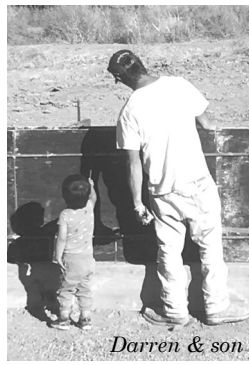




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Darren & son

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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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Natasha & Darren are HOME!!!

Natasha & Darren and their family moved in to their new Habitat Home just before the school year began. It's been quite a journey seeing their home take shape. They can watch their daughter on her short walk to the bus stop and the younger boys are so excited to see the construction equipment at work next door. We are so very grateful and give many many many thanks to all who made Natasha and Darren's dream of owning a home to raise their family touch reality!!!



*** Spirit of Giving ***

SLV Federal Bank is donating \$35,000 to the charities of their customers' choices this holiday season. If you are an SLV Federal Bank customer, remember to vote for your favorite nonprofits before Fri, Dec 15, of course we encourage you to vote for Habitat for Humanity! We truly appreciate all the support you give throughout the year!!!

Welcome Construction Supervisor Greg

We are thrilled to welcome Greg Hindes as our Construction Supervisor and appreciate the vast building knowledge and experience he brings to Habitat. Greg was born and raised in Monte Vista and is married to Robyn. They have two wonderful kids Shelby and Hunter. Greg started doing construction in 1996 with small remodel jobs that eventually turned into a career including being a partner of a construction company and being a building inspector for two different municipalities. He started working on our Habitat jobsite in April this year and really enjoys the Habitat staff he works with along with the homeowners and volunteers.



Introducing Trudy

Trudy grew up in Northern New Mexico and has three young children. Her main motivation to build with Habitat for Humanity is to have a house for her kids to call home. She realizes that any place can be a house, but with the help of Habitat for Humanity Trudy will be able to provide an affordable, well-built home for her children. She is especially eager for her oldest child to experience a home throughout his high school years. Trudy was faced with the reality that by the time she could save enough money for a house, the children would be 18 or older. This would not give her enough time for her oldest child to be in the family home. A friend at work mentioned that she should look into moving out of (on-campus) family housing and told her that she could build an affordable home. Both her Godmother and "Comadre" have encouraged her, affirming that she has



Habitat Homeowner-to-be!!!!

already made it this far on her own and she can do anything she puts her mind and time to. After some consideration, Trudy decided to apply for Habitat for Humanity and is now working weekends on the property so that she can be settled in her new house by next school year. Her oldest child will then get to live in the family home through his high school years. The family is especially excited about having a yard to build a skate ramp, plant beautiful trees and flowers, and possibly add a dog to the family. They are extremely grateful for all the opportunities God has given them and they plan to be exceptional stewards of their new home. "It's a very humbling experience. We are excited to have such a huge part in actually building our own house. We have a lot to learn during this build. I want to teach my kids that with hard work, dedication, effort, determination, humility, and the help of others we can accomplish anything! It will be so nice to be the first people to live in our house. We have never been able to say that ." Welcome Trudy and family, we at Habitat are looking forward to our partnership!

Dear Friends of Habitat for Humanity,

We truly are grateful for all the generous support we receive to build HOPE and to build a place to call HOME. Your gifts help Habitat for Humanity to continue building wonderful dreams!!!

- Your gift of \$35 lights up a family dinner table
- \$50 is a box of nails to build a living room
- \$100 is a bedroom door
- \$250 is a window to see the world



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507 Main St, Alamosa
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Forever Grateful for Lawrence Parker



The world sadly bid good-bye to Lawrence Parker, our amazing Construction Supervisor for almost a decade. Lawrence's building talents have touched the lives of so so many, those who have worked on our Habitat Homes and those who live in our Habitat Homes. We dug many foundations, built floor platforms, stacked adobe walls, made wonderful rooms and spaces for future dreams to unfold. He made the dream of HOME possible for many Habitat Homeowners, to have a place to come home after work, a place for children to grow, a place to plant a tree and someday sit under its shade. Lawrence was amazing with the volunteer groups, very patient, humble, organized and offered a meaningful and fulfilling experience. It wasn't just the building experience but also the personal growth, the confidence building, believing in one's self and making a difference. He was a wonderful teacher and also an avid learner, seeking knowledge and seeking to do better. Habitat for Humanity is so very very blessed and beyond appreciative to have had the wonderful privilege and honor to have known and worked with Lawrence Parker.



Tuesday, Dec 5th
Colorado Gives Day

Help Habitat for Humanity to continue serving families through affordable homeownership.

Consider giving on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday Dec 5th

www.coloradogives.org/SanLuisValleyHFH

Be a part of a sustainable venture that helps our community grow!

Donations can be pre-scheduled to be given on CO Gives Day.

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