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SILVER KEY AND PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO COLLABORATE ON SENIOR HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM

SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE WILL HELP TO COMBAT SENIOR HOUSING CHALLENGES AND ISOLATION IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION AMID THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE WHICH IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT ULTIMATELY IMPACTS US ALL.

Colorado Springs, CO, December 2021 – The Myron Stratton Foundation has awarded a \$150,000 grant to fund a new collaboration between Silver Key Senior Services and Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity focused on keeping seniors safely aging in place. "The new Senior Home Modification program expands the missions of both organizations on safe housing with specific focus on helping seniors remain in their homes longer," stated Jason DeaBueno, Silver Key's President and CEO. "We appreciate the support of the Myron Stratton Foundation Board to provide seed funding for this program with extraordinary potential," stated Kris Lewis, Executive Director/CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Housing, and in particular, senior housing is at crisis stage in the Pikes Peak region. Social determinants of health starts with safe, stable, and affordable housing. Silver Key and Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity are excited to join forces in this first-time and innovative partnership.

Home safety and accessibility improvements will range from interior grab bars, ADA-approved door handles and thresholds to exterior ramps, railings and roof repairs. Select recipients will also engage with Silver Key's multiple wraparound services designed to keep seniors healthy, independent and safely living in a residence of their choice for as long as they are able, as they age. Program services will not be fully available until March 2022 after planning and processes are finalized between the organizations. To learn more how you can make a difference, visit www.silverkey.org or [https://pikespeakhabitat.org/](http://pikespeakhabitat.org/).

Data indicates that one of the fastest growing demographics in the El Paso County region are retirees aged 65+. Population growth and demographic shifts in the region necessitate that we bring needed resources to El Paso County.

About Silver Key:

Silver Key Senior Services was founded in 1970 to improve the quality of life for area nursing home residents. Today, Silver Key's mission has broadened to provide more than 11,000 seniors annually with a wide variety of services, including Silver Key Connections Café, Silver Key Home Delivered Meals including Meals on Wheels, Silver Key Reserve & Ride transportation services, and vital Senior Health & Wellness services that offer a full spectrum of senior assistance including government food program distribution, pantry, Behavioral Health and Companionship services and much more! To learn more about Silver Key and volunteer opportunities, visit www.silverkey.org.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity:

People in our community and all over the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Since 1986 Pikes Peak Habitat has assisted 200 families in El Paso County. Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Habitat's mission seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org.

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