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HOME BUILDERS FOUNDATION BUILDS 20 RAMPS IN THREE DAYS FOR DENVER METRO RESIDENTS IN NEED OF ACCESS TO THEIR OWN HOMES

DENVER, COLO. – AUGUST 23-25, 2018– The Home Builders Foundation (HBF) recently executed the 8th Annual Blitz Build, which brought together over 200 volunteers to build wheelchair ramps for 20 Denver metro residents in just three days.

This year's Blitz Build recipients' range in age from 8 years old to 87 years old. Projects were completed in Arvada, Aurora, Broomfield, Castle Rock, Denver, Englewood, Larkspur, Lafayette, Lakewood, Littleton, Morrison, Parker, and Thornton. Each has a unique situation that led them to need a ramp, including living with muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, or an accident resulting in a spinal cord injury. What they have in common is the desire to access their own homes safely and independently, so they can also access and thrive in our community.

The retail value of this work completed during the Blitz Build is estimated to be more than \$70,000. Thanks to all involved, especially to the event's Presenting Sponsor, FirstBank; Supporting Sponsor, CHFA; and many additional cash and in-kind sponsors including Universal Forest Products, who donated all of the treated lumber and Bluelinx, who donated all the decking, the work will be done at no cost to the HBF. And, as with all HBF projects, the recipients received these modifications at no cost. It is anticipated that, in addition to the retail value of the work done at no cost, this the event, and corresponding [Ramp this House campaign](#), will raise more than \$20,000 to allow the HBF to complete future accessible home modifications for deserving recipients.

"The Blitz Build began as a way to address a backlog of projects and engage volunteers. The first year, we completed 7 ramps with a handful of volunteers. After this year, nearly 150 ramps will have been built during Blitz Build weekends. It has been amazing to watch this event grow to serve so many recipients in our community and by utilizing over 200 volunteers." Beth Forbes, Executive Director of the HBF

About the Home Builders Foundation

The Home Builders Foundation (HBF) is a metro-Denver nonprofit that partners with the homebuilding industry to provide home modifications at no cost for individuals with physical disabilities. Since 1993, the organization has helped more than 1,500 individuals with disabilities remain in their homes with dignity and independence. The mission of the Home Builders Foundation is to build independence, provide opportunities and elevate lives for individuals and families with disabilities in our community. For more information, visit www.hbfdenver.org.

