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### Greetings from Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley

Happy New Year!

As we look forward to events of 2019, we want to take a moment to remember the blessings in our international program from 2019. Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley partners with Armenia, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lesotho and Paraguay. We hope you enjoy reminiscing with us and thank you for your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Julie Gallegos

For many years, we have been blessed to receive visitors from our partner affiliates. Thank you Mary Lisnichuk and Raquel Bertran from habitat Paraguay for your visit to our affiliate in May of 2018



### “The Forgotten Kingdom”

Habitat once again paired up with the Front Range Film Festival to host the film *The Forgotten Kingdom* by Andrew Mudge. The night started off with a cocktail reception at the new La Vita Bella restaurant on Main St. Mac’s Place catered delicious South African cuisine. The silent auction and mystery box items included museum tickets, gift certificates, weekend getaways and a massage.

Following the reception, people walked the half block to the Longmont Theater to view the film *The Forgotten Kingdom*, which is set and filmed in Lesotho. The event raised funds for people looking to participate in one of the Global Village trips but need some additional help getting there.



Images from the film *The Forgotten Kingdom*

Thank you once again for the following supportive businesses:

- Bootstrap Brewing, Celestial Seasonings, Cheese Importers, Crackpots, Denver Museum of Art, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Gold Key Travel, Haystack Mountain, The Art of Cheese, Inspire Salon, Janelle DeBray Art, Journey’s Language Center, Le Peep, Longmont Bicycles, Longs Peak Pub, Miguel’s Auto Repair, Spanish Sundays, Wild Game, Visit Longmont, Ziggis, Zoe Schrick, 300 Suns, Front Range Film Festival, La Vita Bella, Mac’s Place, Treat

## A Home for Home

Habitat St. Vrain is pleased to announce its partnership with Dream Finders Homes. The national homebuilder has teamed up with our local office to offer a home for a home. The first 30 homes sold in the Longmont area through Dream Finders Parkes at Stonebridge will have the chance to participate. Buyers will get to choose between funding a home in Lesotho or Cambodia with Habitat or Nicaragua or the Dominican Republic with Bridges to Community. Habitat has received the first donation of \$25,000 to be directed to Lesotho and Cambodia with more to come. Thank you Dream Finders Home for making home a reality for families across the globe.

### 2019 Exciting Events!

GV Alumni Build January 19

Lesotho GV Trip March 30-April 8

International Development Committee Evaluation of Asia Pacific Region

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## Education and Advocacy Trip to Habitat Armenia Fall of 2018



### Norogi Resource Center

Habitat St. Vrain took a trip to visit Habitat Armenia in September 2018. Habitat Armenia had just opened a ReStore called the Norogi Resource Center the month before the teams arrival. The team helped with small projects around the store, painting trays and chairs to be sold. Norogi is the first store of its kind in Armenia and was funded by a grant from the EU. Habitat Armenia hopes to generate income for its housing project through the store. They have invested a lot of research and energy preparing just the right location and marketing. Getting the Armenian culture to embrace the idea of upcycling will be a challenge but in doing so Habitat Armenia will be cornering the market, recycling furniture and generating funding and education for its housing work.

### Habitat Armenia's Energy Efficiency Upgrading

The majority of Armenians own their own homes or apartments, a vestige left from the former Soviet Union before independence in 1990. However the condition of the homes has left many needing repairs especially in terms of energy efficiency. Armenia shares the same climate as Colorado and therefore, snow and freezing temperatures are common in the winter. Windowless corridors, improper insulation and drafty entrance ways to apartment buildings cost homeowners 80% of their income in heating bills alone. Habitat Armenia is working with homeowners associations to replace these drafty common spaces, reducing heating bills and saving energy.

