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Greetings from Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley

2017 was an exciting year for Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley and our international partners. What a privilege it is to work with so many dedicated people around the world invested in improving the lives of families. Habitat St. Vrain partners with Armenia, Cambodia, Lesotho and Paraguay. This last year we merged with Habitat of the Estes Valley which had been a tith partner with Ethiopia. We have continued and hope to enhance that partnership moving forward.

We wanted to take this time to thank you for your partnership and talk a bit about the year in review. We look forward to 2018 with new and exciting projects in the works.

Sincerely,

Julie Gallegos



Traditional Folkloric Dancer at an event hosted in honor of Habitat Paraguay's staff visit to the St. Vrain Valley

2018 Exciting Events!

Front Range Film Festival April 27-29. Back by popular demand come see the unforgettable film by Andrew Mudge, "The Forgotten Kingdom" about Lesotho

World Habitat Day October 1 at the Brewing Market in Longmont

Joint Habitat St. Vrain and Habitat Paraguay trip to Lesotho in February of 2019



John Lovell, Cheryl Appell and Ralph Stewart participated in the 2017 Khmer Harvest Build in Cambodia

Habitat International Conference

What a wonderful experience to have all of our country partners in one place. All the country directors and other staff or board members from Habitat's around the world came together at this year's National Habitat Conference in Atlanta in March. I was overjoyed to meet with each of our counties and even to sit down for lunch with all four corners of the globe at one lunch.



Paraguay Visitors and Celebration of Community

Mary Lisnichuk and Raquel Bertran from Habitat for Humanity Paraguay visited the St. Vrain Valley this year. We were able to host an event that was entirely sponsored by Latino owned businesses in Longmont. The celebration, held in Spanish, included dinner provided by local restaurants, folkloric dance performance, door prize drawings and encouraging messages from Habitat Homeowners and Mary Lisnichuk of Habitat Paraguay. The first time event drew a crowd of over 100 people and introduced many new individuals on how they can be involved in Habitat.



Film Festival and the Paraguayan Experience

Habitat St. Vrain once again joined forces with the Front Range Film Festival to bring the film “Tiempo Nublado” (Cloudy Times), introducing Paraguayan filmmaking to the Front Range Community. A celebration of Paraguayan culture took place following the film at the Firehouse Art Center. The event included an empanada demonstration, harp music, Mate and Terrere tasting and Guarani lessons.



Global Village Trip to Paraguay

Habitat St. Vrain finished the year by visiting our International partner in Asuncion, Paraguay. Eleven individuals from the St. Vrain community participated in building a foundation, learning about the housing crisis in Paraguay, and creating relationships with staff, families and volunteers.

