

Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Names 2022 Legislators of the Year

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LAKESWOOD, CO – Habitat for Humanity of Colorado (HFHC), the state support organization for the 25 affiliates serving 45 communities statewide, is proud to announce that Representative Dylan Roberts and Representative Mary Bradfield are the recipients of the organization’s Legislators of the Year Award. HFHC identified these two Colorado policymakers for their unwavering support and ongoing work to help ensure all Coloradans have access to homeownership opportunities. They both have fought for affordable homeownership through their public policy work during the 2022 legislative session and HFHC is honored to have them as champions of our work.

“Habitat for Humanity is grateful to the legislators that have recognized the housing crisis Colorado is currently facing and are working to find creative and practical solutions,” explains Karen Kallenberg, HFHC Executive Director. Both Representative Roberts and Representative Bradfield served as prime sponsors for HB22- 1304 that created two grant programs providing

funding to local governments and community partners to provide more Coloradans a safe, affordable home.

Representative Roberts served as chair of the Affordable Housing Transformation Task Force in 2021 and 2022. His leadership helped to craft and pass the largest single-year investment in affordable housing in Colorado's history. Habitat for Humanity of Colorado's Executive Director, Karen Kallenberg said, "Representative Roberts hard work and dedication this past year will forever change the landscape of affordable housing in Colorado."

In 2021, Representative Bradfield served as a prime sponsor of HB21-1134, a first-in-the-nation bill that establishes a statewide pilot program enabling tenant residents residing in properties whose landlords chose to participate in the pilot program facilitated by the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) to opt to have rent payments reported to consumer credit bureaus.

Through their legislative work, Representatives Roberts and Bradfield are committed to action to create more affordable housing opportunities. "Habitat for Humanity of Colorado is honored to recognize Representative Roberts and Representative Bradfield," says Karen Kallenberg. "They have championed affordable homeownership through their leadership, prioritization of resources and willingness to collaborate on solutions."

2022 Legislators of the Year honorees include:

Representative Dylan Roberts is a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, representing District 26. He assumed office in January 2019. Representative Roberts serves as Chair for the Business Affairs and Labor Committee, and sits on the Agriculture, Livestock & Water, Legislative Audit, and Judiciary Committees.

Representative Mary Bradfield is a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, representing District 21. She assumed office in January 2021. Representative Bradfield serves on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services and State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committees.

Award Presentations:

Habitat for Humanity of Colorado will be presenting Representative Mary Bradfield with her award on September 17 in Colorado Springs and Representative Dylan Roberts with his award on September 21 in Gypsum, as part of HFH of Vail Valley's Difference Maker Build. Please contact Tamara Foglio if press would like to join the presentation event or to learn more about Habitat's work in Colorado.

About Habitat for Humanity of Colorado:

Habitat for Humanity builds safe, affordable homes for low-income families who purchase the home with an affordable mortgage. Twenty-five Habitat for Humanity affiliates across Colorado are building in 45 communities, and to date have built over 3,555 homes in partnership with families who would otherwise be unable to obtain the security, stability, and hope that homeownership can provide. For more information about Habitat for Humanity, please visit www.habitatcolorado.org.