

A Safe Haven: Beth's Journey

Beth worked her way from a homeless shelter with her kids to a two-bedroom mobile home, where they lived for five years. Now, she is a proud Habitat homeowner.

A single mother of three, Beth left her youngest child's father due to a tumultuous relationship. Ever since, she worried about making ends meet amidst skyrocketing rent prices.

Everything changed when Beth's great for me friend, a Habitat homeowner, told Beth about our affordable homeownership program.

Taking a leap of faith, Beth filled out the housing counseling intake packet, which led her to the path of homeownership. In six months, Beth completed 300 hours of sweat equity, over 20 hours of homeownership education, and paid \$2,000 in closing costs.

"It makes a big difference to know that I'm a part of the process," Beth said.
"I can say I did this; I helped be a part of this. It means a lot to me. It really does."

When Beth came to Habitat a year ago, she said, "Home is where the family starts, and memories are made."

On May 9, 2024, Beth celebrated her home dedication in our Journey Together community.

"I'm blessed to be in my house," she said. "I've been here for two months and to know that I can afford my mortgage and everything's going to be great for me and the kids —it's been awesome."

Before Habitat, Beth's three kids shared one bedroom. Now, each child has their own

room, and Beth says their personalities are beginning to shine through.

Now, those memories Beth referenced a year ago can take shape in her new home.

"This is a true beginning," Beth said.
"It's a safe haven for us. I actually can have memories and all the things that we deserve to have as a family."

OUR VISION

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

OUR MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

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Fiscal Year:

2023 2024 1,357 families served

through a combination of new home construction, home repair and housing counseling services

YOUR IMPACT:

Volunteers

2,432 individuals

volunteered



49,821 hours contributed by volunteers



YOUR IMPACT:

Donors



Sources of

18% - Individuals

18% - Grants

41% - Corporate Partnerships 1% - Faith Organizations 22% - Campaigns

Philanthropic Contributions





951

families benefited

from HUD-approved housing counseling services

families

purchased affordable homes in Lee and Hendry Counties



142

families served

through home preservation and repair services









YOUR IMPACT: **Neighborhood Development**

2 Neighborhoods completed: **Partnership Place**

2 Neighborhoods started:



Maiorca Palms



McNeill Village



Carolina Cove



YOUR IMPACT:

ReStores



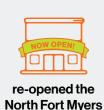
Habitat homes funded and built through ReStore profits

individuals volunteered at the ReStore

7,652 volunteer hours contributed at the

ReStore





ReStore

17,915 items donated to the ReStore and diverted from landfills

families satisfied their mortgages international families served