



FACT SHEET

- Home for the Holidays was established in 1997 in Tampa, Florida under the umbrella of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers community relations department.
- Dunn and his Bucs teammates were challenged by Tony Dungy, who was head coach at the time, to get out in the community and create a positive impact
- Homes for the Holidays was inspired by the tragic death of his mother, Betty Smothers, a Louisiana police officer killed by armed robbers during an extra-duty security job.
- After the death of his mother, Dunn became the main provider for his five younger siblings
- Through Homes for the Holidays, Dunn is able to fulfill his mother's dream of home ownership
- The first home presentation was in Tampa, FL in 1997
- Warrick Dunn Charities (WDC) was established in 2002
- Single parent recipients qualify for the home through a third party, such as Habitat for Humanity. WDC then provides the down payment and through the generosity of sponsors and volunteers, the recipients also receive complete home furnishings.
- Warrick Dunn Charities has reached families in 15 markets
 - Atlanta, GA
 - Baltimore, MD
 - Baton Rouge, LA
 - Coolidge, AZ
 - Dallas, TX
 - Detroit, MI
 - Houston, TX
 - Jacksonville, FL
 - Lafayette, LA
 - New Orleans, LA
 - Newark, NJ
 - Port Monmouth, NJ
 - Tallahassee, FL
 - Tampa, FL
 - Topeka, KS
- Assisted 152 single parents and 409 children and dependents
- Major partnerships include Habitat for Humanity, Aarons Inc., The National Football League and Delta
- Since 2003, Aaron's Inc. has been providing home furnishings to the families



Warrick Dunn is a former NFL running back and a three-time Pro Bowl selection, known for his success both on and off the field.

Dunn's football career began at Florida State University and in 1997, was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played for the Bucs for five years before signing with the Atlanta Falcons in 2002. Six seasons later, in 2008, he returned to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for his final season.

After a 12-year career, Dunn retired and in 2009 was approved by the NFL owners to become a limited partner of the Atlanta Falcons.

Through Homes for the Holidays, Dunn honors his mother, Better Smothers. Betty was a Baton Rouge police officer who, as a single-mother of six, strived for the American dream of homeownership. While working, she was killed and was never able to realize

that dream. The program has assisted over 152 single parents and 409 dependents nationwide with achieving first-time homeownership. In 2002, Dunn founded Warrick Dunn Charities to improve lives through innovative programming inspired by his journey.

In 2010, Dunn graduated with his EMBA from Emory University and also was selected to join the first class of NFL Legends.