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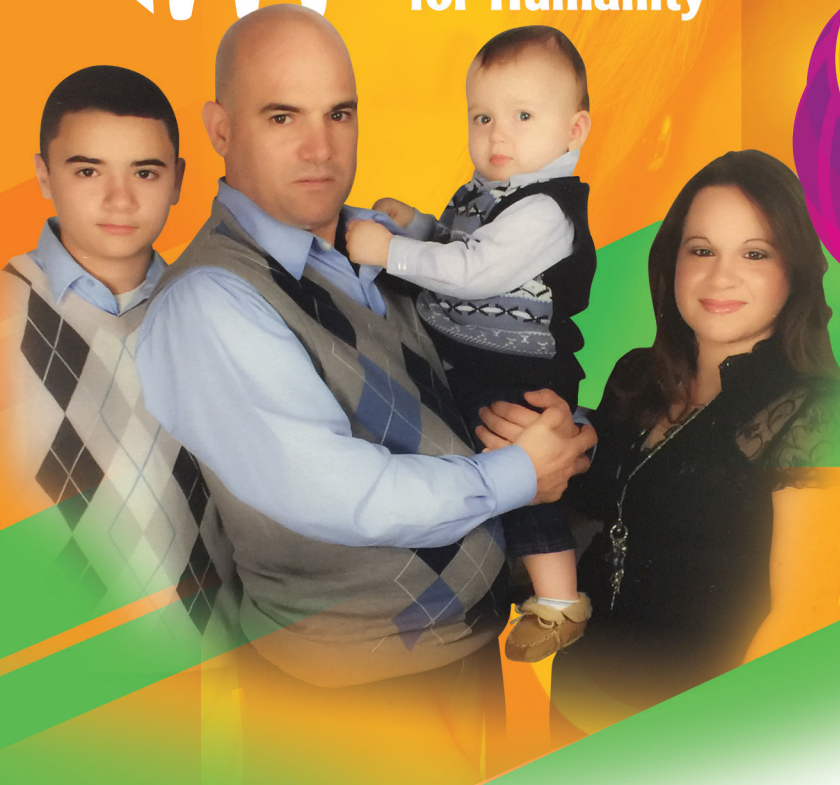
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## Meet The Guerra Family

ONE FAMILY'S DREAM COMES TRUE



### MEET FUTURE HABITAT HOMEOWNERS

Otniel and Mildrey Guerra. Otniel and Mildrey have two sons, Steven, who is 16, and Matthew, who is 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Both boys have unique medical, mental and behavioral needs. Otniel and Mildrey moved from Miami to Port Charlotte several years ago with the sole purpose of living in a quiet place so their children would have an opportunity to thrive. Initially Otniel traveled to his construction job in Miami and returned home on the weekends.

As Matthew grew, his needs became even greater. It was difficult for Mildrey to care for the children on her own. His needs became so severe that he is unable to have his photo taken (their last family photo was taken when he was one). Otniel left his job in Miami after he was able to find work locally, but making ends meet has become very difficult. Their current affordable rental is a small two bedroom house. The needs of their boys require them to have their own bedroom, leaving Otniel and Mildrey sleeping on a pull-out couch.

Otniel and Mildrey were struggling and life's situations were causing them to feel extremely hopeless with an unreachable brighter future. Learning about Charlotte County Habitat changed all of that. A glimmer of **hope** is turning into a reality and a future filled with promise. As Otniel and Mildrey wait for their Habitat home to be built, they are working on completing their 300 hours of sweat equity and required homeowner classes.

Overwhelmed with appreciation, Mildrey said, "We feel fortunate and thankful for being part of the Habitat family. You gave us **hope** and the ability to raise our children in a healthy and safe environment. We have met wonderful people that help people in need. Gratitude is a small word for describing our experience with Habitat. Thank you with all of our hearts." Will you please make a year-end donation? Your gift will help qualified low-income families achieve the dream of homeownership.

We are truly blessed by your support and your willingness to partner with us. Together we can continue to bring **hope** to our community one family at a time. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Habitat spirit,

Mike Mansfield,  
Chief Executive Officer