



Charlotte County
Habitat
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WHEN YOU FIRST MEET GEULETA,

a single mother of three children, you see a vibrant woman with a smile as bright as the sun. She overflows with joy, and when asked where this joy comes from she replies, "The Lord."

Geuleta did not always overflow with joy. There was a time in her life when she found herself living in an extremely unhealthy environment. Knowing she needed to leave for the wellbeing of herself and her children, she packed up what she could and left.

Not knowing where to go, Geuleta arrived in Port Charlotte. With no place to live, she and her children were able to become residents at the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, and Geuleta began to rebuild her life. She started her journey to a better future by walking six miles a day round trip, rain or shine, to the public library to use the computers to improve her job skills and seek employment. After much commitment and dedication, Geuleta secured employment at the Days Inn as a housekeeper. In 2015 she was promoted to the Head of Housekeeping.

Last April, Geuleta decided to take the next step in her journey. She heard about Habitat for Humanity on and off over the years and decided to learn first-hand what the program had to

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offer. She quickly gathered all her required documentation, submitted her application and was approved into Habitat's homeownership program in May, 2017.

Geuleta, her two daughters, Sahirah (14) and Ahjaah (8), and her son Nehyamiah (10) are excited about the next step in their journey to a better future. Their homeowner program requirements are just about finished, and they are waiting for their Habitat home to be built.

As we celebrate 30 years in Charlotte County, Geuleta and her children are 1 of 30 families that will become Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity homeowners this fiscal year. Currently, we have 28 families approved and working on their homeowner program requirements. The need for affordable housing continues to remain high.

We need your help to meet this need. Will you please consider making a year-end donation? Your gift will help families like Geuleta's achieve the dream of homeownership. *"I thank God for the opportunities and the doors that have been opened to me"*, states Geuleta. We thank God for you and all that you do to help us build a stronger community one family at a time. Together, we **can** make a difference. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Habitat spirit,

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