



Meet Melody Woodfork and Family

Melody is a mother and grandmother, plus she has a full-time job. Until recently, her two children and one infant grandchild lived with her in a small two-bedroom apartment. The apartment lacked a bedroom for her teenage son Demetrius—he slept in the living room. For Melody, home ownership was only a dream.

That changed when she applied and was accepted for participation in Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program, which organizes all-female crews to build houses alongside new homeowners. Lowe's is the national underwriter of the program.

As they began building Melody's house in July 2003, the volunteers took some good-natured ribbing that they could not finish in time for Christmas. Melody and the work crews took up the challenge. They even wore T-shirts emblazoned with "Home for the Holidays."

Perhaps that inspiration led the crews to proudly meet their goal. Melody and her family were in the house

before Christmas. "It's home," Melody says. "Something we can call our own. It feels good. And Demetrius has a room. He loves it."

"Thank you Lowe's."



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