



## Women Build Week (May 3-9, 2010)

With your help we can make a single mother's dream of homeownership a reality.



We're excited to announce that Alice Tolliver, pictured here with her three daughters, recently completed her 300 "sweat equity hours" required for each partner family. She continues to attend the required Habitat homeowner classes and can't wait to start construction on her new home! Alice decided she wanted to share her experience in Habitat's program and express her sincere thanks to all those that help make Habitat's mission possible so she wrote and submitted the poem seen below.

Alice applied and was accepted to the Habitat Orlando program in August 2009 because of a dire housing need. Her landlord refused to address several hazardous housing issues currently plaguing her home. Mildew and rodent infestations made her concerned for her daughter's health and for her own. Alice works as a hair dresser and was able to make her rent payments in full and on time but her dreams of homeownership seemed unattainable before finding hope in Habitat for Humanity. She is very excited to participate in Women Build Week and is looking forward to meeting and working alongside other strong, female leaders in her community.

Construction during Women Build Week will be at Stag Horn Villas, Habitat Orlando's first multifamily townhome community. By supporting Women Build Week you will also be helping six other families like the Tollivers who have partnered with Habitat to become first time homeowners. Women from all walks of life will be working alongside each homeowner to help build 7 homes for these deserving Central Florida families in need.

### *Words from future Habitat homeowner, Alice Tolliver*

We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...I have often asked God why me?

I have grown so much spiritually and seen my blessings beyond the trees. Trial and tribulation is a part of life you see, and with that I say why not me?

Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Therefore, we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. Habitat for Humanity Orlando has showed me the American Dream, becoming a first time homeowner I am glad I believe in the unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

I have raised three daughters on my own, and God has truly blessed me with my own home. I would like to thank my Father the man above and a very special thanks to Habitat for Humanity Orlando volunteers, donors & staff for all of their true love.

**God Bless!**

Sincerely,  
Alice Tolliver