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Our Mission - Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County, Inc. is an ecumenical Christian ministry building simple, decent homes in partnership with people in need.

Sweat equity pays off in more ways than one

Buffie Littlefield is one of our newest additions to the Habitat for Humanity family of future Homeowners. She is the single mom of a teenage son. As soon as she began to work her "sweat equity" hours at our office, I knew that she was one in a million. Buffie has agreed to share some of her personal journal writings about her experiences, as she works through the Habitat process for her house...B. Peterson

Journal Notes from a Future Homeowner

My son and I have been in Citrus County for about a year and a half. It has been difficult feeling at home here. It's as if this wasn't the place in Florida we were supposed to be. I signed the Letter of Intent with Habitat to commit to the process for home ownership on April 29, 2008. Once I received the approval letter, my life began to change. Just by starting, I feel a transformation is taking place inside me. I feel it, and my son does, as well. In this short time,

we have become acquainted with one of the most beautiful families we have ever known. That "family" is Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County. This process has allowed us to have a huge sense of peace. Although we are not in our house yet, we are home now. The individuals I have met in Habitat are special and bring something very unique and precious to this organization. From volunteers to partner families to hired staff, they all go above and beyond. It clearly shows.

Through putting in our sweat equity hours, I get

to see the people involved with Habitat regularly. Now I can see that they have brought something very special and amazing to our lives. They couldn't possibly realize ALL the wonderful ways that they have touched so many people simply by being themselves.

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This opportunity for a hand up and this experience, if embraced, can be a life changing experience. I still have a long way to go, but I am completely content. I enjoy all the people I am surrounded by everyday. I am continuing to get better since starting my journey to home ownership. I am eternally grateful for all that Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County has blessed us with. We're beginning to feel like part of their beautiful family and that to me is so valuable.

My son and I just attended our first sod laying, dedication, and wall raising for other families partnering with Habitat for Humanity. It is so hard for me to put into words the experience

on those days when we arrive on site and watch people of all ages and all walks of life work together. Seeing this made me stop for a moment and think that if only the world could come together and do what we do here, what a blessing it would be for everyone on this planet.

I look forward to our future. We are very grateful to Habitat for Humanity. I only hope I can touch the lives of people the way they have touched ours.

Thank you, HFHCC.

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