



Holiday Home Build with the Bucs



Left: Antoine Winfield, Jr. starting safety for the Buccaneers; Right: Robert Estes, Habitat homeowner candidate.

The Estes Family

The stress of stretching a dollar to make ends meet is something many Hillsborough County residents struggle with today. Robert Estes, a new Habitat homeowner candidate, makes a modest living as a Consumer Access Specialist for Advent Health.

As an only child raised by a single mom, Robert believed in being self-sufficient and independent, but when his rent kept rising by hundreds of dollars at a time, he realized he could no longer manage it on his own. He sought out the Habitat program for a long-lasting solution to the never-ending cycle of rising rents, and familiar song and dance of moving to find affordability.

“Owning a home will limit the stress of having to move or pay more money. Home is where life happens and owning a home is a great opportunity to build wealth for myself and family,” says Robert when asked how he came to join the Habitat program.

“[The] dedication and generosity have turned what seemed like a distant dream into a tangible reality. I'm truly touched by the time and effort the volunteers have invested in this project” Robert remarks. “I can't wait to see the completed home, knowing that it's not just a structure but a symbol of community, compassion, and the belief in a better future.” Robert's new home is one of the four Habitat homes currently under construction in the Temple Terrace area.