

Mother of four chosen for first county Habitat for Humanity home



Debbie Rye with her sons Darrin, age 10; Daniel, 4, Joshua, 5, and Auston, age 9, stand under the backhoe at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new house that will be built for them by Habitat for Humanity in St. Helens.

Debbie Rye of St. Helens was introduced to the public at the groundbreaking ceremony on October 7, as Columbia County Habitat for Humanity's first partner family. This designation gives Rye the opportunity to build her own home alongside other volunteers from the county.

"As a single mother of four boys, the possibility of owning a home was just a dream, until now," said Rye. "When I was growing up, we moved around a lot. It is important for me to own my own home so that I can put down some roots for my kids."

Twenty-five families applied for the opportunity to build their own home with Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. "Debbie stood out from the other applicants because she showed a history of financial responsibility," explained Christy Settle, co-chair of the Family Selection Committee. "Family selection is based on need, ability to make mortgage payments on a no-interest loan, and willingness to complete the required sweat-equity hours." As a single parent, Debbie will

be asked to complete 300 hours of sweat equity, which may include educational courses, construction and working on fundraising.

Habitat for Humanity is unique in the way it recycles donations from the community. Money raised to build the house in St. Helens will come back to the organization in the form of mortgage payments. "It is nice to know that my mortgage payments will be used to build a house for another family," said Rye.

Although Columbia County Habitat for Humanity is affiliated with the International Habitat for Humanity organization, it receives no financial support from outside the County. An additional \$45,000 is needed to complete the house. The building site is located at 145 South 3rd Street in St. Helens. To make a donation toward the construction of the St. Helens house, mail a check payable to Columbia County Habitat for Humanity to P. O. Box 921, St. Helens, OR 97051. To find out about volunteer opportunities or apply for a Habitat home, call 503-366-4595.

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