

Things happening in OUR community...

- **Jingle Build-Off**

Saturday, Dec. 3rd is our annual Jingle Build-Off! Teams will be on-site in Downtown Tavares (100 E. Main St.) from 9am until 4pm, competing to build the best playhouse. Come out and cheer them on! You can vote for your favorite playhouse by visiting: habitatLS.org/vote-JBO from Dec. 3rd - 10th, winner announced on Dec. 12th.

- **Staff Holiday Party**

Don't forget! Our Holiday Staff Party is Thursday, December 15th at Brick & Barrel - 209 W. Main St. Leesburg, FL at 7pm.

- **Lip Sync Competition**

Submissions are due by December 30th!

Need help or have questions? Feel free to reach out to Danielle!!!

Danielle@habitatLS.org or x133

- **Reminder Next All Staff Meeting**

Friday, January 6th from 7:45AM to 9:15AM in the DGV. ReStores to open as quickly as possible or no later than 10:30AM.



Welcome to the Team

Melanie - Development Coordinator



For more questions please contact Shari: x118 or Shari@HabitatLS.org

A Homeowner's Experience

Habitat homeowner Jasmine Jacobs was the FIRST home built in partnership with the Youth Construction Academy and The Villages Charter School three years ago. Having a stable home gave her the opportunity to transition to the security of a new career in insurance as a risk consultant with the Villages Insurance Partners. This house not only impacted her, but it also impacted the students that had a hand in the building process.

Students driving through the local area see the home with a sense of pride knowing they helped build it.

When it comes to completing the responsibilities and maintenance tasks associated with homeownership, it gives her a sense of pride and confidence with each accomplishment. One thing she loves about owning a home, she can mark the walls with her daughter's height to commemorate her growing up. Something Jasmine says would not have been possible in a rental.

"I know how much it meant to me when people volunteered on my home, so I'm glad to spend a few hours giving back."

Since living in her new home, Jasmine has found ways to participate in Habitat events as a volunteer, including one of Habitat's annual events, Women Build. Having been in their shoes, she knows the importance of volunteering to help future homeowners - she donated her time and her muscle power because she has firsthand experience on how a little help can make a big impact in someone's life.

