

## Things happening in OUR community...

### • Staff Meeting

- Our next mandatory all staff meeting is on Friday, July 7th at 7:45am in the Felix Ramirez Room (1806 S. Bay St, Suite 2B next to the DGV)
- ReStores to open as quickly as possible or no later than 10:30AM.

### • You're Invited: Rodriguez-Santos Family Dedication

- Friday, July 14th at 12pm
- 2280 Suanne Ave, Eustis
- RSVP: [Melanie@habitatLS.org](mailto:Melanie@habitatLS.org) or x141

### • Playhouse Raffle

- July 1st - 31st you can purchase raffle tickets at both ReStore locations or online!
- \$5 = 1 ticket
- \$10 = 3 tickets
- Winner will be announced on August 4th!



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### Happy Habi-Versary

Carl - 1 year  
Dylan - 1 year  
Harold - 15 years

### Welcome to the Team

Destiny - Leesburg ReStore

For more questions please contact Shari: x118 or [Shari@HabitatLS.org](mailto:Shari@HabitatLS.org)

# Meet the Rodriguez-Santos Family



Celiana and Richard moved to the United States 16 years ago from Puerto Rico. As a family, they always dreamed of buying a home, and in Celiana's words, she now has **"answered prayers."** For many years Richard was the only income in the family as Celiana was home raising their three children (Kaniel, Paola, Lucas). This made for a tight income and little opportunity to purchase a home of their own. Now that they are both in the workforce, the dream of owning a home resurfaced.

Through the years, Celiana and Richard, with Kaniel, Paola, and Lucas, have been renting at different locations. However, no matter the location, the same problem would occur: the rent would increase. Prior to their current rental, the rent increased four years in a row before their lease was not renewed. But after applying for to the Homeownership Program twice, the Rodriguez-Santos home is finally underway.

Both Richard and Celiana work, but they still found time to help paint the exterior and interior of their home, as well as help clean the inside as needed. The entire process is worth it, since **"knowing you have a home gives you peace."** As a family, they will not have to be uprooted from a home again.

Once moved in, Christmas will be the main event in the Rodriguez-Santos family. The Christmas celebration begins on Thanksgiving day when the Christmas tree is put up and decorated. The best part of the celebration is that it can be decorated how Celiana, Richard, Kaniel, Paola, and Lucas want...because it is theirs.

**Welcome the Rodriguez-Santos Family home on July 14th, 2023 @ 12pm – 2280 Suanee Ave, Eustis!**

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