

Christine Hertz



Christine Hertz couldn't be more excited to be a part of the Habitat family. I've discovered along the way that family isn't always made up of just relatives, it's also made up of friends, church members and now Habitat. As I learn how to rely on others my family keeps growing." Christine said.

Things haven't always been so sunny in Christine's life. Being a single mother has come with many challenges, but nothing

prepared her for losing her mom to cancer. Through all the set backs and challenges, Christine remained determined to make life better for her and her son.

Christine struggled to put herself through school and to become a dental assistant while supporting herself and her son. "I was in school when my mom was diagnosed with cancer. I thought about quitting, but my mom pushed me to finish. She would be so proud of me now." Christine's mother was able to see her graduate before she passed away. This has meant the world to Christine and given her even more determination.

When a flyer came in the mail, announcing that Habitat was having its next orientation, Christine thought why not? "Too many people think they don't deserve something like this or they would never be that lucky, but I've learned that you always have to at least try."

Christine's effort paid off and she was selected to be a Habitat Family Partner in the summer of 2008. Christine's house is the first Builder's Blitz home that Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley is organizing. Construction professionals will donate their time and materials to put together her house in roughly 2 weeks. Her house will also be the 1000th home built in Colorado by Habitat for Humanity.

When asked what they house will mean to Christine and her son, Austin, Christine replied that it means security. "Of course I am providing a stable home for Austin, which I didn't have growing up, but I'm also securing out futures in this bad economy." Christine looks forward to the security of her retirement as well and that she will be able to give back to others through her mortgage. "Being apart of Habitat is giving me a purpose," said Christine. "I'm in this for life. Habitat is a life long commitment to helping others and I'm so blessed to be apart."