

*Remarks for the
Habitat for Humanity Dedication
April 4, 2002*

Thank you, Albert. I don't know that there's any greater feeling than owning your own home, but I imagine that owning a home built with the love that went into this one would come close.

Christeen, this home was built for you, your daughter and your grandchildren. I call it a home because it's so much more than just a house – it has the sweat and energy of a lot of people in it, people dedicated to helping others.

Many of us can remember moving into a new home. Home ownership brings with it pride and joy, along with great responsibility. I am sure that the Williams embrace that responsibility with much happiness and thanks to those who made the completion of their home a reality.

One unique thing about the Williams' home is that every board that was nailed and every brick that was laid was done so with love and caring for this family.

There are so many individuals and businesses and organizations to thank for their contributions to the Williams's home and to the creation of other Habitat homes.

I am just thankful that I was able to be a part of such a wonderful effort.

I have a small gift for Christeen, a little something to help get things started in your home. May God bless you, keep you and be a part of you in this beautiful home.