

Habitat for Humanity
First Lady's Build
Saturday, May 6th
10:00 a.m.

Good morning.

I appreciate the members of the media being here this morning to help spread the work about Habitat for Humanity and the wonderful work that they do for cities across Mississippi and across the nation.

I am happy to be a part of Habitat's First Ladies Build. I am serving as Honorary Chairperson, and I am honored to be working alongside other women who make service to their community a priority.

(Talk about your experience with working on the house.)

I have met the homeowner Trina Williams.

Watching the excitement in her eyes as her house begins to take shape inspired me to work a little harder and a little faster so that she and her two daughters can move into their new home as soon as possible.

I have taken many opportunities as I speak with Mississippians across the state to talk about the importance of service learning for our young people.

As a former teacher I have been focusing a lot of my efforts on children. One area that I find extremely important for our children is service learning. We must impress upon these young people the importance of service to their community. Through that service they will learn that a community is only as successful as the people who live and work there.

I want to thank every individual, business and corporation who has helped to support Habitat for Humanity and specifically First Ladies Build. It is my honor to have a small part in these efforts.

It is now my pleasure to introduce Former First Lady Elise Winter who is a former First Lady of our State and she is also a founding Habitat for Humanity board member, and you can see by her attire today, that she fully supports the efforts of Habitat.

Mrs. Winter...