



71 year-old grandmother of 10 to become a first-time homeowner.
*She immigrated to America from Colombia in 1999 with \$100 in her pocket.
Her home dedication is Thursday.*

Davidson, NC—November 17, 2022—The American dream will become a reality for Esther Pardo this week.

Her life is a story of faith, determination, perseverance, and hard work.

Twenty-three years ago Ms. Pardo came to America seeking a better life for her four teen-aged children and herself. Trained as a nurse in her native Colombia but unable to speak English, she got a job bagging groceries at a BiLo supermarket in Cornelius and learned English by listening to a cashier interact with customers.

The house she will soon purchase with an affordable Habitat mortgage has a story of its own, too. It was built in 1916 and stood in the way of the Town of Davidson's plans for development of a roundabout. In an effort to preserve the historic property Davidson donated the house to Habitat Charlotte Region. Habitat moved it last January, renovated it according to current building code, and made it available for purchase by a qualified Habitat homeowner-in-waiting. For Esther Pardo the cozy two bedroom home—just 10 minutes from her job—was perfect.

Always with a heart for serving others, Ms. Pardo volunteered as a translator nurse at the Ada Jenkins center in Davidson for eight years. She's also served as a Red Cross volunteer and has logged 300+ hours of sweat equity with Habitat.

This will be a home dedication unlike any other, for an equally unique home buyer.

Event for photo and interview opportunities:

What: Home dedication for the Esther Pardo family

When: Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Where: 215 Crane St. Davidson, NC 28036

Who: The Pardo family including children and grandchildren, Davidson Mayor Rusty Knox, and Habitat Charlotte Region leadership

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About Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region

Driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region brings people together from Pineville to Statesville to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Since 1983, Habitat Charlotte Region has helped over 3,500 families with affordable housing and critical home repairs. More information can be found at www.habitatcltregion.org.

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