LITTLE DIXIE ASSISTED MARCIE RENFRO with the financing and construction of a new, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home north of Hugo.

For single, hard-working Marcie Renfro, the American dream of homeownership has become a reality through Little Dixie Community Action Agency's Self Help Housing Program.

After thousands of laboring hours, Renfro's home will be ready to move into Tuesday when she is handed the key to her three-bedroom home on N. 4243 Rd. just north of Hugo.

"Once I get off work, I spend the remaining hours of the day working on the house," Renfro said. "I've recruited several friends —good friends —to help me."

Renfro has been responsible for duties such as painting, staining, caulking, insulating, cleaning, etc. She was also given the opportunity to choose her floor plan, and decide what style and colors she wanted throughout the residence.

Self-Help Housing hires professionals to do the most difficult jobs, like plumbing, electric, drywall and foundations. Each homeowner is closely supervised by a construction supervisor thoroughly familiar with home building. The construction supervisor will provide training in the basic skills needed to work.

Construction of the home began in January and is right on the mark for Little Dixie's six-month completion date, and celebration of Homeownership Month this June.

For qualifying participants, several hours each week need to be committed for construction of the home. Little Dixie Community Action Agency's Self Help Housing is available in Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Love, Marshall, McCurtain and Pushmataha Counties.