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## future homeowner

### Dawanna and Dylan

For Dawanna and her son Dylan, becoming a Habitat homeowner marks a powerful turning point – one filled with the security and stability that Dawanna has long hoped for. As she explains, “It’s more than just owning a property – it’s the beginning of long-term security, comfort, and privacy. It’s a chance to build a foundation for our future.”

After years of facing unpredictable housing conditions, Dawanna is ready to step into a new chapter. She shares, “I believe homeownership will change my life by giving me stability, independence, and a long-term place to grow. It will allow me to build equity instead of paying rent and we will have a home that truly feels like ours.”

Creating a safe, joyful space for Dylan is one of her biggest motivations. She looks forward to “a fresh start and new routines,” especially decorating their home in a way that reflects both of them. Dylan loves Spider-Man, Marvel, Hot Wheels, and Paw Patrol, and she’s excited to turn his room into a space inspired by one of his favorite themes.

Their move into Habitat’s program comes after difficult experiences – lead exposure, ongoing maintenance issues, rising rent, and now displacement due to construction at their current apartment. To Dawanna, Habitat represents hope: “Having this opportunity to become a homeowner is a great start to put this all behind me and begin my new journey.”

Her path to acceptance was filled with anticipation and persistence. She remembers calling the Habitat CFC office many times, waiting for the waitlist to open. When it finally did, she added her name immediately. Every step – from the informational session to submitting documents to waiting for updates – was a mix of nerves and hope. She recalls the moment she opened her acceptance letter: “My tears of joy came when I received the letter... I cried real tears of joy.”

Throughout the process, she found community and encouragement on the construction site. “From the warm welcome from the construction site supervisors, it always felt like neighbors helping neighbors. I never feel out of place.”

Now, after so many years as a hardworking mom, she feels she’s truly moving toward the future she’s dreamed of: homeownership, stability, and a place where her family can thrive.