



# future homeowners

## Shellyann, Scott & Children

Shellyann and her husband of six years, Scott, had almost given up the dream of becoming homeowners when they couldn't obtain a mortgage. As one last try, they contacted Habitat CFC and filled out a pre-qualification application. "I didn't believe it when Habitat got back to us that they were going to schedule a house visit to see the current place we lived and the conditions where we lived," said Shellyann.

The couple, along with their family of five children (Tiyanna (18), Jayanna (14), Cayleeiah (9), Scott Jr. (5), and Marc (2)), didn't have enough space in their rental apartment. "It was a sense of relief when Habitat CFC told us that we qualified based on our application and living conditions. We finally felt there was hope," said Shellyann.

Shellyann moved from Jamaica seven years ago and met Scott, an Italian born and raised in Bridgeport. "It was always my desire to get a house for our family, something we could be proud of and own," said Scott. A great Italian cook, Scott and the family were hoping to have a bigger kitchen and

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a dining room where the family could share meals together. As they work on their 500 sweat equity hours towards becoming homeowners, Shellyann noted, "With less than 100 sweat equity hours left, Scott is now looking forward to also making a "man cave" in the basement, a place of his own and somewhere for his tools."

When we asked the kids what they are excited about Cayleeiah said she was planning to put up butterfly stickers in her new room, Tiyanna was looking forward to her own space and five year old Scott can't wait to get a train set that he and his dad could put together in the living room.

Shellyann looks forward to her Habitat house being a place to spend the holidays together. "I imagine the snow falling outside as we are unwrapping holiday gifts while a turkey is cooking in the kitchen. I can't wait for that day!" Shellyann paused for a moment, "But, it's not just about us – Habitat is helping us, but they are also helping other families. We are so thankful."