

future homeowners

Leslie Arrington, Wayne Mitchell, and Family

Leslie and her family have been looking forward to the day of owning their home. Leslie says, "This is a blessing to our family and a huge step in the right path of our lives."

They are eagerly anticipating the freedom to enjoy activities like gardening, painting, decorating, and more in their new home. Leslie and her family have faced the challenge of high utility bills, and they look forward to the relief and new opportunities this move will bring.

Leslie also shared her experience completing their partnership equity hours.

"The experience working with the volunteers, other future homeowners, students, Women Build, and the workers at Habitat CFC has been a phenomenal experience. I have learned so much, especially from Jacques, Gordy and Gordon. It has been a spectacular experience. I definitely have the knowledge to be a homeowner and feel comfortable working on projects and being able to fix something on my own by learning the key skills from Habitat. It's just been such an overwhelming feeling of joy!" Currently, their family's living conditions are difficult.

"I thank God everyday for this opportunity to finally own our own home. This is a huge step in the right path of our lives."

"Our kids are not able to play in the yard or have cookouts with family and friends. There is also an infestation of pests, it is not healthy especially with children with asthma. We are a gathering for holidays at our house kind of family." Last year, her family was unable to celebrate together due to their current living conditions.

Leslie's oldest child, Lavar, is currently completing his Bachelors degree in Business Management at Husson University. Javon will be starting his senior year at Bullard Havens and will continue his education in automechanics after graduation. Syasia, Kasmir and Nikhil are students at Classical Studies Magnet Academy. Syasia loves spending time with her friends and is a member at the Klein Memorial Theater Arts program. Kashmir loves football and baseball, playing chess and enjoys cooking. Nikhil loves basketball, playing Fortnite and skateboarding.

Leslie is the head Infant & Toddler Educator at Alliance for Community Empowerment. She will celebrate 19 years of working at Alliance in December. Wayne is a hip hop dance instructor at Hip Hop 1001 for 4 years. In addition, he serves as emcee at events throughout the community.