



## future homeowners

### The Rivera Family

Yomaira, Efrain, and their children are looking forward to a brighter future as they prepare to become homeowners through Habitat for Humanity CFC.

“This opportunity means a better quality of life, stability, and growth to our family,” Yomaira explains. “We feel that owning our own home will change our lives for the better, providing us with a future free from the constant stress of moving due to landlords selling their properties, filing for bankruptcy, or wanting to move in themselves.”

Currently, Yomaira and her family face challenges in their living conditions, including noise disturbances from a nearby bar, which disrupt their sleep. Their situation worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic when their previous landlord sold the house, forcing them to move on short notice while juggling online schooling and work commitments. “We felt rushed to find a place to move into since they only gave us 30 days notice,” she recalls.

Now, Yomaira and her family eagerly anticipate the peace and tranquility that homeownership will bring.

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Owning their home will provide the stability of a fixed mortgage, allowing them to save for other goals and plan for the future. Yomaira has also enjoyed the hands-on experience of building their new home. “It was a great experience to learn the process of building from the ground up. We built relationships with other future homeowners, Habitat staff, and the community. We felt great, happy, and many emotions while working towards our new home.”

Yomaira’s family includes her oldest son, who is currently in college majoring in exercise science, aspiring to become a strength and conditioning coach for young athletes. He enjoys playing basketball and video games. Their daughter loves building with Legos, doing her hair, dressing up, and spending time with friends and family.

As they embark on this new journey, Yomaira and her family are excited for the stability and joy that homeownership will bring into their lives.