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Future Habitat Homeowner Abriah L.

Abriah L. enjoys spending time with her 4-year old son Kaleem, who attends preschool and likes basketball and football. Abriah smiles and says, **“I try to spend as much time as I can with him!”** She is expecting her second child on January 17, 2018 – a daughter, who she plans to name Nima. Abriah has an associates degree in medical assistance and has worked at Advanced Pain Care Clinic as a full-time certified medical assistant for a little over a year.

Prior to learning about the affordable homeownership opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, Abriah lived on her own in an apartment with her son; then, everything changed when her aunt encouraged her to apply for Habitat’s homeownership program.

Abriah says, **“I learned about Habitat for Humanity of Evansville through my aunt Anita. She is a Habitat homeowner, and told me about the program. I applied, and at the time I was accepted into the homeownership program I was in my own apartment, but I’ve since moved in with my mom to start saving up money for the Habitat house. Currently, I share a room with my son. Most of our possessions are in storage, but other boxes are taking up a lot of space in our bedroom. Once the baby comes, I’ll move into the computer room for more space.”** Abriah goes on to say, **“It’s been a journey for me because I’ve been pregnant during the whole process. Putting in hours doing sweat equity, working and being a full-time mom has been challenging, but in the end it will be worth it.”**

Since beginning her partnership with Habitat, Abriah says, **“It’s changed me in a good way because the program has made me push myself for greater things – both for myself and for my kids. I’m proud of myself because I’ve been meeting deadlines and realizing that I can make it to the end goal [of homeownership].”**

To Abriah, owning a Habitat home will mean **“a stable roof over our heads to live in indefinitely.”** Looking to the future, she comments, **“After we move into the new home, I plan to go back to school for nursing ... possibly at Ivy Tech. I’m also going to try to save more money to go towards things for my kids in the future like college and extra-curricular activities.”**