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has a story**

Habitat Future Homeowner Allyce B.

Allyce B. has a strong respect for her parents, who taught her that you must work hard in life. She was adopted from the Philippines at age 4 and joined a family of 7 in Evansville, Indiana. Allyce had three brothers and a sister, two of which were adopted from Russia. The family lived on a farm with goats and chickens; it was **“an atmosphere of working hard”** Allyce says. And, Allyce has carried that mentality of “working hard” into her adult life.

For the last three years, Allyce and her two-year-old son, Camren, have lived in a small, 525 sq. ft. apartment. Allyce feels that she pays way more than she should for rent, and says, **“The bills add up.”** Day-to-day life in the apartment is a struggle due to the building’s environment. She says, **“You can hear everyone. There are always neighbors making noise, whether it’s a couple fighting upstairs, dogs barking or kids running around and hitting the walls.”** Despite her current situation, Allyce maintains a bright personality and a positive outlook on life. She expresses, **“When one door closes another door opens.”**

Thinking of the wellbeing of her son and wanting to provide a space for him to go outside and play in a yard, Allyce started researching ways to escape their current living situation. She knew she no longer wanted to rent, and she wanted to find something that would allow her to save money and put her son into a good school. During this time, Randi, a Habitat homeowner, told Allyce about the Habitat homeownership program. Allyce states, **“A light went on!”**

She applied for the program with the mindset, **“You’re never going to know unless you try.”** After being accepted she says, **“I’m just really happy!”** Allyce has had a dream for some time now to own her own house by the age of 26. Now at age 25, she states, **“Well, I’m making that happen.”**

Through Habitat, Allyce’s life has changed. She says, **“[The process] has been abundant and so full of life. It’s assurance that you don’t walk alone...that there are organizations out there that are wanting to help. I’ve been blessed because there are people helping me. It’s a gift.”**

To Allyce, **“[Owning a Habitat home] will mean that my hard work paid off. I feel like I’m now beginning my life that brings me closer to family and friends...and I made it happen.”**

Now, Allyce is excited to start her new life in her own home; she says, **“To have your own house...its just mind-blowing.”** She is thankful that she will be able to save, send her son to get a good education, and live comfortably. With a solid foundation for her family, Allyce hopes to have the time now to go back to school for nursing. Additionally, Allyce loves baking and decorating, so she is looking forward to inviting people to her home for gatherings. With a huge smile she says, **“I want to instill in my son that home is where love is. It’s where family can come, and it’s where we are going to stay.”**