



every homeowner has a story

Habitat Future Homeowner Anita K.

Anita K. is a single mother of two boys – Keionte (30) and Remington (12) – of which, the youngest still lives at home. The family has been challenged over the years to find affordable housing options. Their current apartment has increased rent three times which has placed an ever-growing burden on Anita. Despite her present living situation, Anita is determined to find a solution for her family.

Currently, Anita is working at SRG Global where she has worked for 15 years as a production operator. While managing the immediate but short-term problem of paying the increased rent, she also searched for alternative long-term housing solutions that would allow her family peace of mind and stability – alternatives such as Habitat for Humanity. Anita learned about Habitat for Humanity through her older sister, who is a Habitat homeowner. Anita applied for the Habitat program two times but was denied for issues revolving around her credit and finances. However, with her family in mind, Anita worked hard to resolve her credit and finance issues in order to comply with Habitat's acceptance criteria.

With her credit and finances stabilized, Anita and her family were accepted into the Habitat homeownership program. She states, **“I’ve always dreamed of owning my own home.”** With the excitement of finally having a hand up and a way to alleviate the uncertainty of additional increases in rent, she expressed, **“I feel more secure.”**

To Anita, owning a Habitat home will mean accomplishment and self-reliance. **“[It will mean] I did it on my own,”** she states. In addition, Anita expresses that she actively looks forward to her sweat equity hours because the hours are working toward something that she will own for herself and her family. Anita is grateful to Habitat because after so much uncertainty it is a relief to have a future that feels **“set in stone.”**

Now, with thoughts of a brighter future ahead due to a stable home and an affordable mortgage, Anita's next goal is to design her home exactly how she wants it and truly make it her family's home. Anita is not the only one looking forward to the new home...Remington is excited too! He is looking forward to finding out which school he will be attending next fall after they pick a lot for their new forever-home.