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Future Habitat Homeowner Aysha R.

Aysha R. is the proud mother of her 3-year old daughter Makenzie and a dedicated teacher. Aysha has been teaching for the last four years, but she says, **“With daycare and Vectren bills, I was not sure how to make ends meet, so I looked on InDeed and found the job I’m at now.”** In October of 2016, she began the new job working as an associate teacher for 3-5-year old’s at Cape Place Headstart. She states, **“I’m working to stay out of debt and keep a roof over my head.”**

Aysha says, **“I learned about Habitat for Humanity from a friend, but at the time I wasn’t necessarily ready for homeownership because I was living at home with my grandmother, and I had custody of my brother’s two children. Now, I am living on my own with only my daughter, so I feel it’s time to own my own place and have something to leave Makenzie.”**

Currently, the family lives in a 3-bedroom apartment; however, the apartment has some leaks and the complex was without ownership for two months, so there was no maintenance help during that time. Additionally, Aysha says, **“The rent is pretty high, and I am the only source of income. It’s not the perfect situation, but it’s livable.”**

With the desire for a better living and financial situation, Aysha decided to apply for the Habitat homeownership program. She says, **“When I received a voicemail from the family services department and was told that I was approved for a home I cried because I was so happy.”**

Since partnering with Habitat, Aysha’s life has become very busy, but she feels that is all right because she’s getting to meet people and make new friendships. She says, **“I met a future homeowner who had also just started in the program at a Habitat home dedication, and we still talk and hang out. It’s neat because you’re not only building a home, you’re building friendships and relationships.”**

Now, the family is looking forward to painting and decorating the home to make it uniquely theirs. To Aysha, **“Owning a Habitat home will mean owning my future. My life will be less hectic, and I’ll be able to focus more on Makenzie. It will be a home, and not just something I’m renting.”** She goes on to say, **“It’s truly exciting to make your own home and to know that you are working at building your own future.”**