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**every homeowner  
has a story**

## **Future Habitat Homeowner Jasmine M.**

At the age of 19, Jasmine M. moved out of her parents' home and was in need of an affordable place to live. Over the next 5 years, she lived in two different apartments while she worked, attended school at the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech, and cared for her son Taevion (now age 10).

For the last three years, Jasmine has worked at Methodist Hospital ER in Henderson; additionally, she will be graduating with her associate's degree in Health Care Support this coming December and walking in the following May graduation ceremony.

Currently, the family lives in a 2-bedroom duplex with small closets, so the family stores some of their possessions in the basement; however, on occasion the basement floods which causes problems. Jasmine states, **"It's better than my last apartment but still not ideal."**

Jasmine's dad passed in December of 2016, and she found herself in a very emotional and difficult time. Since then, Jasmine has worked toward a brighter future by applying for homeownership. The first time Jasmine heard about Habitat for Humanity was through a friend's mother who owns a Habitat home. Jasmine says, **"I applied once, but didn't make enough because I was working part-time. Later, I applied again when I had a different job and was accepted! The process of applying was not difficult at all. I got the call and brought in the required documents!"**

Since beginning her journey with Habitat, Jasmine has been working nights and going to school during the day when she doesn't work. She says, **"Finding time to do sweat equity is kind of difficult; but, this home is something that I want for myself and son, so I make time to obtain my goals."**

Jasmine states, **"I felt as though I would never get off of government assistance and get out of the cycle of living paycheck to paycheck, but this home will be mine forever. Owning this Habitat home will mean stability. I won't have to worry as much, and that's what I want."**

Now, looking toward a more stable future, Jasmine plans to further her education in nursing. She says, **"If you are accepted and willing to work, Habitat is a really good opportunity for anyone."**