

Kara Mitchell



Future Homeowner Bio

After years of non-ideal living situations, Kara Mitchell and her daughter, Kaitlynn, are thrilled about the opportunity to have a place of their own through their partnership with Habitat. As a single mom working full time, Kara works hard to provide the best for her 14 year-old daughter Kaitlynn. Kara could not express enough that she and her daughter were, **“So excited because we’re just ready for a space of our own to call home.”**

After 8 years of feeling the weight of paying the majority of the rent for an apartment with Kaitlynn’s father, the burden had become too much. So, Kara decided to move her daughter and herself into a better living situation with her Grandmother Jean. Jean’s house only had two bedrooms, so Kara opted to give her grandmother and her daughter the upstairs beds while she made a make-shift bedroom in the basement. Kara and Kaitlynn are extremely grateful to Jean, but after 3 years of sharing a space meant for two, they are ready to have a place of their own and space to put their own belongings.

Kara learned of Habitat’s homeownership program through the Deaconess employee website. She said, **“Applying for a Habitat home started out as an experiment to see if I could even get accepted into the program; and now, the process is moving super-fast!”** Kara expressed that she is looking forward to the little things that make a house a home, like being able to display and use her own dishes and deciding with Kaitlynn on what color to paint the bathroom. Kara is also looking forward to being able to walk to Deaconess where she works as a housekeeper in the MRCC Department.

For Kara, owning her own home through Habitat will mean a future of self-reliance and stability for her and her daughter. **“I’m ready to have some place that is my own and where Kaitlynn can come back home to when she is in college, and eventually, a place for her to bring the grandkids.”** For now, Kara and Kaitlynn are dreaming about what paint colors they want for their new home and about getting settled into a place they can call home forever.