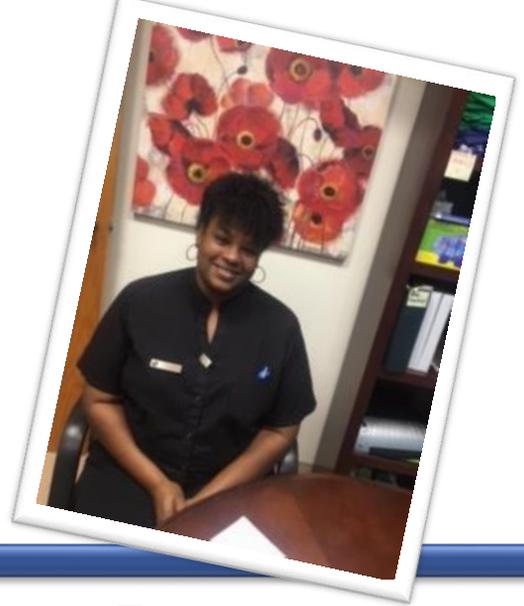


Kayla White



Future Homeowner Bio

Kayla White is a hardworking single mother of two sons, Demarzhay, age twelve and Kyran, age fifteen. For many years Kayla has had financial struggles. She had high rent payments with too small of an apartment for her growing boys. Eventually, Kayla and her two boys outgrew the small apartment space and could not afford any higher rent and had to return home to live with her Mom.

But Kayla did not give up. Kayla's Mom knew about Habitat and encouraged her to apply. So Kayla did. The process was easy and smooth according to Kayla. It took no time at all for her to get involved with the program. Kayla states, **"The financial part has been the hardest for me. Beyond that, Habitat has been a wonderful experience. I have learned a lot and I am still learning."**

Kayla has overcome many obstacles in her life and is excited to finally experience positive and permanent change in her life. She continues to pursue her education and is working on her high school degree – she only has one class to go before she graduates. Kayla is also proud of her job. For the past eight years she has been the manager of the McDonald's on First Avenue. Kayla is quite an advocate for Habitat and encourages people from her work, friends, and even other family members to check into the Habitat program.

Kayla says she never dreamed she would become a homeowner and that her life has changed dramatically- mostly from the financial side. For Kayla, owning her own home will mean **stability** and give her some financial freedom so **she can live more comfortably**. She is looking forward to doing more for her boys such as entering them into sports activities or even starting them a savings account.

Kayla states, **"I'm okay, my boys are okay, and things are going well, thanks to Habitat."**