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## **Future Habitat Homeowner Quiana M.**

Quiana M. is a full-time worker and a busy mother to Dez-NyAnya (9) and Qui-Aryon (4). She works hard to balance work life and home life, but still makes time to enjoy hobbies like playing soccer and collecting beanie-babies. Her daughter, Dez-NyAnya, is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at West Terrace and enjoys dancing, while her son, Qui-Aryon, likes to play basketball and learn about dinosaurs. When she's not spending time with her kids, Quiana works at Aramark, a uniform service, where she builds loads (blankets, baby blankets, aprons, etc.) for restaurants or businesses. More recently, since June 2017, she's been working at Load Makeup.

Living in a two-bedroom apartment proved to be a struggle with two active kids. **“Space needs are tough having two kids,”** Quiana explains. **“It’s challenging. I need more space since the two-bedroom is not enough, and the rent is kind of high.”**

The kids’ grandmother has a Habitat home and Quiana has seen various Habitat homes under construction, so, intrigued about the program, Quiana went online to learn more. **“I came into the office and applied. Applying was really easy. I went online and filled out an interest form, and then filled out the application,”** Quiana says. **“Waiting to hear back if I was approved or not...that was the hardest part.”**

Since partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Quiana has had to rely on her mom more often to watch the kids. **“From doing classes, being on the construction site, and having to be away from my kids is hard...”** Quiana says. **“But the exciting part is I get to work on other people’s Habitat homes, and I can’t wait to build my own. I’ve learned a lot about building homes along the way.”** Working hard towards a goal as big as a home can be challenging, but it is also infinitely rewarding.

Once Quiana holds the keys to her new home, it will continue to open doors, both literally and metaphorically. **“My kids will have their own rooms. I’ll be able to save money and I’ll have a cheaper mortgage...and take some small trips with my family. My daughter and I could go outside into our yard and plant plants. And we will be able to decorate for the holidays because it’s ours,”** Quiana says with an optimistic smile. **“I have my own place, but I’m ready to have my own home.”**