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Future Habitat Homeowner Tamara E.

Tamara, mother of six and full-time worker, is a busy little bee. When she's not working at Fisher Dynamics as a material handler, she enjoys singing, dancing, cleaning, all things food, and being a mother. Her children, Tarik (21), Tysia (19), Tavian (17), Terriace "Ace" (14), Talynn (6), and Tate (3), are a happy handful. Tamara has been through some trials and tribulations yet is slowly but surely getting back on top. While the hardships she's faced have been difficult, she never stops working hard and giving her family the best she can.

Tamara, Ace, Talynn, and Tate currently live in a three-bedroom rental. Tate doesn't have his own room, so at night he takes over Talynn's bed while Talynn sleeps with her mother. Ace is a tall basketball player, so his room in the attic hardly lets him stand up straight. **"I'm sure he's ready to just stand up,"** Tamara laughs. **"The rent has been raised overtime and is now too much for the family.**

Tamara's mother has a Habitat home, so Tamara was familiar with the process. Her mother got the home when Tamara was already an adult, but she and her kids lived there for about five years. Tamara had called in 2015 wanting to apply but was told she needed more job experience. **"My mind was set that this is something I wanted to do,"** Tamara says. **"When I got accepted, I was shocked. It was just something that I wanted to try, and it worked out."**

Tamara definitely is a busy little bee. Between work, her children, and sweat equity hours, Tamara find herself extremely tired. **"I took a while week off to relax and recuperate. Then I got right back to work and completed 150 sweat equity hours by the deadline,"** Tamara says. For her sweat equity hours, she enjoys working in the ReStore and cleaning in the Habitat office.

One of the first purchases for the new house will be a basketball goal for Ace. Tamara wants to save up and take the kids on a vacation, since they've never been on one. **"It will mean everything,"** Tamara says with tears in her eyes. **"That people can change, and people can turn their life around if you just believe in yourself and God. God has been important, I'm so thankful for my faith in God."**

"It will be nice knowing that I can walk into a home that I helped build and now own."