



The Laurine Family Habitat House #43

Life was hard when I became a single mom with no place to live. I moved to a small one bedroom to try to save money but still could not make it. I lost my apartment and my daughter moved in with my parents and I slept in my car while trying to finish college and find a place to live. I found my first real job and moved into a place of my own for a while. Nothing ever seemed permanent at that time in my life. My daughter was living with me again but I could never seem to make ends meet financially yet again. I ended up losing that place to live and had to move in with friends. Six weeks after I moved in with my friends I found out I was pregnant with my second child. I had no choice but to move again when my son was just about one year old.

In the last 5 years we have moved 3 more times and we added another son to our family. We are bursting at the seams in a place that cannot hold us. In a neighborhood where gunshots are heard nightly and police are always around. But through it all, I must say, my kids are troopers. They never complained about having to pack their toys and move from place to place. They never question why they can't go out and play because it is not safe. I know it was hardest on them and I truly feel that the home I am going to receive and the stability it will bring is the most important gift I can give my children. I can never say thank you enough to the wonderful angels at Habitat for Humanity for the blessing they will be giving us.

-Teah Laurine

Like so many Habitat partner families, Teah Laurine will be helping herself build a simple, decent affordable house that her children can learn and grow in, while providing more opportunities for their future just by simply having a stable place to call home.

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