

Brianna Taylor



After the murder in the parking lot in front of her rental unit this year, Brianna decided enough was enough. She and her two children, ranging in ages from 2 to 8 years, live in a two-bedroom apartment in southeast Nashville. In addition to the murder, the frequent gunshot sounds scare her and there are frequent car break-ins. The air conditioning goes out often and the bathroom is moldy and it is all simply too much.

Brianna moved to Nashville four years ago from Memphis and works from home for United Healthcare Optum as

a clinical coordinator. She is attending Nashville State Community College and hopes to advance in her current job. A friend told her about Habitat for Humanity's affordable homeownership program and she thought it might be the only way to escape the unsafe conditions in her neighborhood. In addition, because she works from home even before the COVID-19 pandemic, feeling secure in her environment helps to support her family. She is attending Habitat's homeownership classes and will work on the build site with her sponsors. Her housing expense will decrease by \$145 a month by owning a Habitat home. Part of that decrease is because Habitat homes are ENERGY STAR certified making the monthly utility bills more affordable.

"Having a home will make me work even harder to keep it because it is not an easy process, but it is so rewarding. Just having ownership associated with my name will be a great feeling." To her sponsors she says, "I can't thank you enough for not only me but for others in the program as well."

At a Glance:

- Brianna moved to Nashville four years ago from Memphis and works for United Healthcare Optum as a clinical coordinator. She is the mother of two children ranging in ages from 2 to 8 years.
- There was a murder in her apartment complex and there are frequent gunshot sounds and car break-ins. Brianna works from home and needs a safer environment for her family.
- Her housing expense will decrease by \$145 a month by owning a Habitat home. Part of that decrease is because Habitat homes are ENERGY STAR certified making the monthly utility bills more affordable.