



# HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS...

## MEET THE LEACH-HERRING FAMILY

I never imagined in all of my childhood years that I would own a home in Suffolk VA. All the obstacles that I faced, growing up in New York City, living in an overcrowded house with family, being deserted by my parents, and being a teenage mom. I was the prime example or statistic to what so many sociologists, psychologists, clinical social workers believed about foster children. On the other hand, some specialists knows about how some foster children can be resilient. I am one of the resilient ones.

Due to my experiences, I was determined to be the best mom ever. At 25 years of age, I stepped out on faith and decided that I would move to Virginia with my fiance. A year and a half later, we became parents to our third girl. Unexpectedly in 2010, we became parents to our one and only boy.

Thus far, I can truly say it is so rewarding to be a mother and I am very proud of my children. Throughout my oldest daughter's school career, she has excelled academically and behaviorally. She continues to soar at Hampton University. My rising 10th grader, 8th grader and 3rd grader has followed in their sister's footsteps; they are honor rolls students, good citizens, and dedicated community band members.

My journey to my destiny has been steady and progressive. I became Mrs. Herring in 2009. I was promoted to department manager while working at Walmart and later received several promotions and accolades from my current employer Terminix.

Lastly, I am grateful for this opportunity to be an addition to the great homeowners that Habitat for Humanity serve!

