The Waters Family

The Waters family consists of mom, Kimberly and her daughter, LaDasha (19) and son, Davon (18). The family currently live with Ms. Waters father, and at times the situation can be quite crowded, particularly when her sister's children come to stay the weekend with them. Her father has given up his bedroom for her to sleep in, and her son shares a room with his uncle. When the cousins visit they sleep on air mattresses in the living room with their grandfather, who sleeps on the couch. Ms. Waters' though grateful to have a roof over her head, looks forward to having her own room, where she will no longer be surrounded by her father's belongings.

Ms. Waters has been working for Walmart for over 16 years as a Team Leader. Her daughter is currently a student at Tidewater Community College in the nursing program and her son recently graduated from Deep Creek High School, where he liked to participate in sports and workout.
Waters learned of the Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads homebuyer program from her mother who encouraged her to apply. Kimberly saw the opportunity as a chance to not only own an affordable home, but also to give her the ability to have expendable income after paying her mortgage so she will be able to pay her bills on time without feeling overwhelmed. She knows this will give her piece of mind, to give her space to breathe and save money toward her future needs.

Homeownership to Kimberly means responsibility, appreciating what you have, saving, budgeting and simply having a place of their own for her family. It will give them their own rooms, and privacy, without having to share with extended family. When asked what she was most excited about owning her own home, Ms. Waters said it best when she said it meant: "The feeling of showing that hard work does pay off. Not feeling like a failure. Actually being able to see your future moving in the direction you want. Being happy. Being proud. And mostly believing in yourself, and that you can have anything you want, especially if you put sweat into it."