



## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS....

### MEET THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

Hello! My name is Shawda Williams and two fun facts about me is that I was born on the last day of the year and I am obsessed with sneakers! I am a hardcore workaholic, and I love to help take care of others. I have a passion for helping the elderly and animals, especially watching them in their natural habitats. I am very family oriented and I love my family a lot!

My son Nasir (14) currently attends Lake Taylor High School and is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He is on the junior varsity football team and enjoys working out 5-6 days a week. Some things that he loves to do is listen to music and play the PlayStation whenever he has free time, which is very rarely.

We currently live in a two-bedroom apartment with my mother, step-father, and our four dogs. I have the second bedroom and my son sleeps on the couch that is in the living room.

My best friend was a chosen recipient of a Habitat for Humanity home seven years ago and they encouraged me to apply. Now she is my mentor to assist me with the process. I now have the opportunity to build a foundation to have a safe, stable, affordable home for my son and I for the rest of our lives.

I am excited about the possibility of building equity and providing financial security for my family. I am also excited about personalizing and decorating a home that is mine and I am happy to be able to call a home my own. I won't have to worry about high rental increases or evictions ever again. This opportunity will drastically influence my personal, physical, and mental well-being. I work really hard trying to have enough income to afford our high rent costs. The security of owning our own home will allow us to finally save and focus on my son's college goals. My end goal is to finish my degree in cardiac sonography, but that is after I have a permanent residence and my son is doing well.

