

## Meet Helen!

Meet Helen, a devoted working mother of two boys, enrolled in the Homeownership Program at Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County, Texas (Habitat MCTX). Originally from Puerto Rico, Helen has achieved her higher education goals, obtaining a bachelor's degree in social science studies with an emphasis in administration and a master's degree in education and school psychology.

Currently employed at Tri-County Behavioral Healthcare Services, Helen makes a significant impact on enhancing the quality of life for individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual/developmental disabilities. Living in a cramped townhome with escalating rent, Helen envisions owning a home with an affordable mortgage to secure a brighter financial future for her family, including starting a college fund for her two boys.

Having learned about the homeownership program from a Harris County Habitat partner family, while assisting them with community resources, Helen saw it as an "amazing opportunity" to work towards homeownership and contribute to her community. "Habitat MCTX's program gives me the chance to achieve homeownership. I also get to participate in my own build and see every stage of the house come together." She appreciates the chance to connect with future neighbors in Cedar Creek, where she will soon reside.

Moving into her future home in Cedar Creek is a dream come true for Helen, her kids, and her mom, marking a significant achievement as a single mother striving to provide a better future for her children.



Joining Helen in her new Cedar Creek home will be her sons, Evan and Eddian. Excited about the prospect of a backyard, Helen envisions a more stable future for her family. In their current living conditions, "The parking lot is right outside my door, so it isn't safe to play. In Cedar Creek they will have the freedom to play outside in a safe space." While Helen is looking forward to the opportunities that homeownership will bring, such as family gatherings and travel adventures, her sons are excited to decorate their own rooms. We extend a warm welcome to Helen and her family as they embark on this exciting journey in Cedar Creek!

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