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Montgomery County, TX

Meet Nettaya!



For Nettaya, becoming a Habitat for Humanity homeowner is more than just an opportunity to build a house. It's the chance to rebuild peace, safety, and stability for her two sons after years of hardship and perseverance.

Born and raised in the Greater Houston area, Nettaya spent 13 years married and focused on raising her children as a stay-at-home mom. When the pandemic hit, her life changed dramatically. The stresses of that time led her to make the courageous decision to leave an unsafe situation and start over as a single mother. "It was affecting my children and I knew I had to make a change for them."

With a background and bachelor's degree in computer graphics, she entered the workforce for the first time in years, taking a job in childcare so she could both earn income and stay close to her boys.

Though it wasn't her chosen career path, it became the steppingstone she needed to regain independence. With faith and perseverance, she slowly began rebuilding her life — moving from one job to another, growing into leadership roles, and eventually serving as a children's global lead overseeing ministry programs across two churches.

Her journey hasn't been easy. After her divorce, she relied on government assistance to make ends meet. Later, unsafe and deteriorating apartment conditions — collapsing ceilings, pest problems, and unsafe surroundings reinforced her dream of providing her children with a better home. "I wanted them to have space to grow and just be kids again — to play outside without fear, to have peace."

Nettaya first learned about Habitat MCTX more than a decade ago through a friend at church who became a homeowner through the program. Years later, that same hope became her own. Through Habitat, she found not only a path to homeownership but a renewed sense of purpose.

She discovered joy and empowerment through volunteering on build sites, learning new skills, and working alongside staff, donors, and volunteers. Nettaya especially credits her experience with Habitat's homeownership classes, including the Dave Ramsey Financial Freedom course, which helped her pay off debt and build confidence managing her finances. "I took that course seriously," she said. "It changed everything for me. I feel financially free and prepared to be a homeowner."

Now, as she prepares to move into her new Habitat home in Marble Creek, she looks forward to the sense of peace, safety, and stability it will bring to her family. "I'm excited for my kids to finally have a backyard to play in, to just enjoy being kids. This home means rest — mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. It's the kind of peace I've prayed for."

Above all, she is grateful. "I can't thank Habitat enough — the staff, the volunteers, the donors, and the families who made this possible. Every person I met all played a part in my journey. And to the donors who give so families like mine can have a home, thank you. Habitat came at the right time, in the right place, and it truly does what it sets out to do."