

## Meet Jeanette!

Five years ago, Jeanette set out on a path of reinvention when she boldly decided to relocate to Texas. Finding herself without a car and a stable job, she leaned on her sister's compassionate generosity for a place to stay.

Jeanette returned to school to study human services. Pursuing this degree brings Jeanette personal advantages and benefits to those she assists. Jeanette's educational journey became a transformative stride towards a fulfilling career dedicated to helping those in need.

Now residing at a transitional living facility, Jeanette is thankful for the challenges and triumphs of her past because they shaped her into who she is today. The dream of homeownership, once seemingly unattainable, is becoming a reality through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program. Enrolling in the Habitat program has given Jeanette practical knowledge and a sense of pride in her future home. The required homeownership classes, covering topics from home maintenance to financial management with the Dave Ramsey Financial Freedom course, have prepared her for this significant step.



Through Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Texas (MCTX), she's connected with inspiring individuals, all eager to learn and support each other in pursuing a common goal. "The relationships developed during the construction of our homes have made the journey even more fulfilling for me," explains Jeanette.

Looking ahead, Jeanette is excited about the simple joys of homeownership in Cedar Creek. She envisions "a garden where vibrant flowers bloom, and fresh vegetables grow." "My research into landscaping has become a source of anticipation for the unique space I'll create in my front and backyard." Jeanette's childhood dream also finds its place in her future home—"a lilac bathroom reminiscent of my grandmother's." This room will undoubtedly become her "sanctuary," a tangible symbol of dreams fulfilled and aspirations attained.

Approaching the completion of her associate degree in human services with a certification in addiction counseling this fall, Jeanette anticipates a bright future. The culmination of academic achievements aligns with the realization of homeownership, symbolizing a significant leap toward freedom and security. Instead of investing in rent, Jeanette will channel her resources into homeownership, securing her future and retirement.

Habitat MCTX has provided her with the means to purchase an affordable home, transforming a once-distant dream into a tangible reality. Jeanette's journey, marked by resilience and the support of those around her, has led her to this moment—where she will soon be a homeowner and have a future full of promise and accomplishment.

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