

Meet Mildred!

Born 58 years ago in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Mildred Alegria grew up in a lively household with her parents, three sisters, and a half-brother. Life in Honduras was full of family, faith, and flavor - the kind of place where everyone knows everyone, and where kindness is served alongside every meal.

At 25, Mildred made one of the bravest moves of her life, leaving her home country to follow her husband to Miami in search of a better future. There, she became a proud mother of two boys, Gadys Alegria and Hardy Lorenzo Alegria. Like so many of our partner families, her journey has been filled with both triumphs and challenges - the kind that test your strength but also shape your soul.

In 2000, Mildred and her family packed up and moved to Conroe, Texas, chasing family ties and a fresh start. Life, of course, had its own plans. Her marriage ended, her sons found their own paths, and Mildred faced seasons of heartbreak and perseverance that only made her faith stronger.

Through it all, Mildred never stopped working. She's done it all from factory lines to restaurant kitchens, from cleaning schools to polishing church pews. Today, she works for Metro Clean in the Montgomery School District, where she keeps Keenan Elementary shining bright. (If you've ever walked those hallways and thought, "Wow, this place sparkles," you have Mildred to thank.) On Saturdays, she cleans a local church because apparently five days of hard work just isn't enough for her generous spirit.

Now, let's talk about Mildred's roommates - the furry kind. She's a proud cat mom to a small army of kitties with big personalities: Dixie and Ghost rule the indoors, while Gruñón, Tabo, and two others patrol the outdoors like they own the place. Her cats may not pay rent, but they fill her home with love (and probably just a little fur).

For years, Mildred dreamed of owning a home of her own. A place of peace, safety, and belonging. Her church sisters, Maria and Marina Flores, both Habitat homeowners, often encouraged her to apply. But timing and finances weren't right - until now.

Last October, after the heartbreak loss of her mother in Honduras, Mildred returned to Conroe with renewed determination. She reached out to Habitat, attended our homeowner classes, and began taking every step toward making her long-awaited dream a reality.

Mildred's vision for her future home is simple but beautiful: a space where she can read, take walks, and enjoy quiet evenings surrounded by her beloved cats - and maybe one day, her cousin from Honduras, whom she hopes to bring to the U.S.

When you meet Mildred, you can't help but feel her warmth. Her laugh is gentle but contagious, her kindness steady, and her gratitude genuine. She reminds us why we build not just homes, but hope.

