



## Habitat Future Homeowner **Jocelyn Jordan**



Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury is pleased to welcome Jocelyn Jordan to its homeownership program.

“I cannot believe that this is happening for me!” Ms. Jordan cannot stop uttering these words and for good reason. For the past seven years, she has been living in public housing because her home in the Hard Bargain area of Franklin was inundated in the May 2010 flood. The damage to her home rendered it completely uninhabitable, but that didn’t stop her from faithfully paying her mortgage every month. Imagine paying a mortgage for a home but being unable afford to fix it to livable standards!

When Ms. Jordan heard about HFHWM’s new Critical Repair program, designed to assist homeowners in need of repairs that are beyond their financial and physical capabilities, she applied. However, needed repairs were far beyond the scope of the program, and she was transferred to the Homeownership Program. HFHWM will tear down the existing unsalvageable home and replace it with a brand new home.

“The Hard Bargain neighborhood has such history for my family. In fact, me and my 10 siblings were raised in the house next door. My dad built the house I currently own from recycled materials. He was a stone mason by trade. The home was built as a rental property to assist with our family’s finances, and I inherited it many years later. I have made many wonderful memories on this street and in this neighborhood. The thought of returning warms my heart. This is my home and I know every person, in every house on this street. There is no place I would rather be.”

Prior to retirement, Ms. Jordan was employed with the National Council on Aging. She has four adult children and six grandchildren and attends First Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin.

“I am so thankful to my sponsors. There are no words to express how I feel to be returning home, after all these years. God Bless you.”

Jocelyn Jordan will build her new home alongside volunteers from area churches beginning October 14, 2017. The dedication ceremony is planned for Friday, February 2, 2018 at 4 p.m.