



Habitat Partner Family

Tony Mclemore & Latrese Thompson



Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County is excited to welcome Tony Mclemore and Latrese Thompson to the Habitat Homeownership Program. The Thompson-Mclemore family will be partnering with our Home Builders Blitz project in the summer of 2014. Construction on the couple's home begins on July 7, 2014 in Spring Hill, TN.

Tony Mclemore is a native of the area and attended Franklin High School. He spent a great deal of his childhood in public housing in Franklin, until his stepfather inherited a house left to him by relatives. His stepfather was in the construction business, and his mother worked at a local daycare. Tony (one of five siblings) witnessed first-hand what it means to provide

for a family through dedication and hard work. Latrese, in contrast to Tony, has one sibling. She and her sister were raised by a single mother. She speaks with great fondness of the relationship that the trio had while growing up in Nashville, TN. "Times were hard, but we always had what we needed. My childhood was great." She attended McGavock High School and moved to Franklin some years later.

Tony and Latrese have been together for seven years and have one child, Da'shon (5), and one daughter, Mariah (8). Mariah (Tony's biological child from a previous relationship) lives with the couple two weekends per month.

The two work together at Target in Cool Springs and spend their spare time doing family-oriented activities. Da'shon loves to watch football, basketball, and wrestling with his dad, and Mariah enjoys her dolls and can spend hours combing their hair. They love to have fun as a family and have learned to make light of even the hardest of times. Recently, Latrese lost her mother, and Tony experienced a health scare when his doctor informed him that his kidneys were shutting down. It was their sense of humor, faith in God, and hope for the future that helped them through these difficult times.

Tony speaks with enthusiasm when he says, "Owning my own home will change everything because it will make me more responsible, and I will become a better role model for my kids." The two look forward to stabilizing their family life with a permanent residence.

Tony and Latrese would like to thank their sponsors. "It is nice to know that someone is willing to help and select us from all of the applications. It is a blessing from God and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."