



Future Homeowner Kennita Black



Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury is pleased to welcome the Black Family to its homeownership program.

Kennita Black is proud to say that she is a lifelong Columbian. "Most families in Columbia know one another. I feel at home here and I want to build on that for my daughters."

Kennita has worked for Arby's in Columbia for the past six years and spends her time off focused on her daughters: 10-year-old Ja'Kireya, 9-year-old Ramiya, and 4-year-old A'Keliona. "The girls are involved in Girl Scouts, and we love spending time together

just hanging out. Because such a large part of my income goes to pay for rent, the girls haven't been able to do much else."

As the family works to become more financially stable, Ms. Black wants the girls to explore their interests and find their talents. "I always wanted to try out for cheerleading, but we never had the money for extracurricular activities when I was growing up. My older girls have talked about playing soccer and softball, and I want them to be able to follow their dreams."

"I want people to know that I am a hard worker and I do the very best that I can for my family. My mother raised my four sisters and me by herself and struggled to provide for us. I want my girls to have more than I had growing up. I want them to feel safe, secure, and to know there is a good future ahead for them."

The Black family will build their new home alongside volunteers supporting our Fall Neighborhood Build starting in August 2018.