

## Habitat Partner Family

# Nicole Jones



Nicole Jones was raised on the same street in Franklin, TN for most of her childhood. She lived in a community where everyone knew her family and where neighbors looked out for one another. She attended Franklin High School and went on to Middle Tennessee State University, completing 2 ½ years of her bachelors degree.

Ms. Jones is the proud mother of Ayana (11), James (8), and Nicolas (5) and applied to the homeownership program seeking a safer neighborhood for her children. She has worked for Williamson Medical Center for the past seven years and believes homeownership will bring an added layer of stability for her family. In addition, she plans to continue the completion of her education once her family is settled in their new home.

Nicole wants her children to experience the hard work and joy that comes with purchasing a home. She notes, “I have the means to teach my kids to reach for their dreams and goals.” She has been especially excited about the opportunity to attend budget coaching classes and has been intensely focused on planning and managing her financial affairs. She has been so motivated by these coaching opportunities that she wants to pass on her newly acquired knowledge by teaching credit and budgeting classes to high school students. “It feels good to be in control of my money and not have my money in control of me.” This valuable epiphany is one that she would like to see children learn at an early age.

Her family enjoys spending valuable time together, reading, cooking, and watching wrestling. They are self-purported wrestling fanatics! Nicole also tends to the children of friends and family, in addition to her own, so her love of cooking works out perfectly. She admits that she will feed anyone that is willing to sit down and eat her food!

Ms. Jones would like to thank her funding sponsors for giving her family a hand up. She feels owning a home will result in “just a little more pride in ourselves.” She is ecstatic about becoming a homeowner, but also notes that all the hard work toward making her dream a reality has been equally rewarding.

Ms. Jones’ home construction is scheduled to begin on April 12, 2014 and will be this year’s Women Build home. It will be located in the Overlook Subdivision of Columbia. The dedication is projected for June 7, 2014.