



Future Homeowner Maria Ayala Munoz



“There are no words to express the gratitude that I feel for this opportunity to buy a home for my family!” These are the sentiments expressed by Maria Ayala Munoz upon her acceptance into Habitat for Humanity’s Homeownership Program.

“I’ve been in the United States for 22 years. Raising my children in this community has been both wonderful and tough. My children do not understand not having enough food to eat when they see so much abundance around them. I have worked hard and also prayed that my children

would have a better life.” Maria’s two older daughters, Ashley and Mariella are grown, but she still has four children at home: 19-year-old Jesus, 10-year-old Anthony, 3-year-old Johnathan, and 2-month-old Giselle.

Maria grew up in LaPiedad Michoacan, Mexico. “I came to America with my parents and brother in December 1995 and am so grateful to live in this beautiful place. There were 10 children in my family and 6 of my siblings still live in Mexico. We worked very hard to build a good life here, and I raised my children to work and study hard as well.” Maria, who has worked as a cook at the Cheesecake Factory in Cool Springs for the past three years, says is proud of her six children and considers raising hardworking, kind children her greatest achievement.” Ms. Munoz’s son Jesus serves in the US Army Reserves and expresses his appreciation for the work ethic that his mother instilled in him as a child. “She showed me that no matter how bad things get, to never give up, and to never lose hope. Habitat for Humanity has given us a renewed hope and we are so thankful. Our family is an example of hard work leading to a better life. We want to thank the sponsors of our home and let them know that their love and faith are going to help our family do great things in the future. Thank you so much.”

The Munoz family will build in partnership with sponsors on the Fall Community Build, which begins on September 20, 2018.