



Habitat Future Homeowner **Sharniece Rayford**



Sharniece Rayford's family relocated to Maury County, TN in 2014 after her grandmother transferred with Saturn from Detroit, Michigan. "My mother was a single parent who worked hard to support my two sisters, my brother, and me." The children attended Mt. Pleasant High School while Sharniece's mother worked at Independence High School in Spring Hill.

After high school graduation, Sharniece received her Certificate in Medical Assisting from Fortis Institute. Currently, she works as a certified medical assistant while taking classes at Columbia State University to become a registered nurse.

"My family motivates me to do better for myself. Having a baby has slowed down my educational progress a bit, but I am determined to accomplish my goals." Another goal for Sharniece is to become a homeowner. She was elated when she found out she was accepted to the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program. "I know this is not an opportunity that comes around everyday and I am so very grateful. It could not have come at a better time."

Sharniece is employed at Heritage Women's Center in Franklin. She enjoys cooking and baking on Sundays with her family. "We spend a lot of time in the kitchen enjoying one another's company. I most look forward to entertaining family and friends, once I am in my new home."

Sharniece will partner with Bridgestone to build her home, which will commence on March 3, 2017 in the Overlook Subdivision of Columbia. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for April 27th.