



Future Homeowner Aja Silvestri



Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury is pleased to welcome Aja Silvestri to its homeownership program.

"I am so excited about owning my own home. It's a dream come true for me."

Over the past three years that Aja has been employed at the Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury ReStore, she has seen dozens of homeowners purchase homes through the program and finally decided to apply for herself.

"I work in Franklin, but I live in Fayetteville, Tennessee. I drive 120 miles round trip each

day to work. I wanted to move closer to the ReStore, but the housing cost has just been way too expensive for me. There are not a lot of jobs in Fayetteville, so most people have long commutes to get to work."

In 2014, the City of Franklin conducted a housing needs analysis and found that 85% of workers commute to work at Franklin businesses.

"Words cannot express how grateful I am for this opportunity. As an expectant mother, the long hours in the car have been hard on my body. The sponsors of my home are not only blessing me with a home I can afford to buy, but also with the gift of time. The extra hours I would have spent commuting will now be spent with my daughter, who is due in July. When I look to the future, I am also excited to have more time to be involved in my community and connect with my neighbors."

Construction on Aja's home is completely funded in partnership with Thrivent Financial. Construction on her home will begin April 5, 2018 in Columbia; the home dedication is planned for June 21st at 2 p.m.