

# Partner Family

*Now more than ever, Help Build It!*



## We Have Each Other...

### *The Lock Family*

April Lock and her four children - ages 11, 10, 7 and 2 - currently rent a two bedroom home north of Covington, but that will soon change in 2016 for the family of five. The biggest difference between their current house and their new Habitat home will be that they'll have more space with



four bedrooms and they'll have better means to heat their home. Last year, one of April's children received 2nd degree burns from a space heater used to heat the two bedroom home.

"It was terrible," said April. "I cannot wait to have a place to call my own and that will be safe for my children."

April works as a Crew Member at Popeyes in Covington 6 days a week with Sundays being her day off. Her four children are very active in their church through Sunday school, her sons are ushers and everyone sings in the choir.

"Sunday is reserved for family time," April says. "We spend the day going to church at Greater Starlight Baptist Church in Covington, then we cook, clean, do chores and spend the day together."

One thing April would like everyone to know about her family is, "we keep the faith and are strong. Even if we don't have anybody, we have each other."

When it comes to owning her own home, April struggles to put those feelings into words. "Owning my own home is a feeling I cannot explain. I will own something that is mine. I will have a home that I'm not paying a fortune for and will allow me to send my kids to college."

"Home is where the heart is. It's where you can be yourself. It's comfort. It's a fresh start," said April.

The Lock Family was part of the Decade of Dedication Build. Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West hosted A Decade of Dedication event, commemorating 10 years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with a week of training and continued service. Bringing together Disaster Corps and RV Care-A-Vanners Disaster Rebuild Team volunteers from across the nation, this event will highlighted their contribution to recovery in the Gulf as well as the accomplishments of Habitat St. Tammany West and Gulf Coast affiliates active in recovery.