

Habitat Homebuyer

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Women Build Fueled by



The Bunns Family



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

This is the bible verse that inspires Tkeyah Bunns through life’s journey. A custodian at Madisonville Elementary, Tkeyah is a single mother to 15-month-old daughter Riley. They currently live in an overcrowded family home resulting

in Tkeyah and Riley sharing a room. Tkeyah has always dreamt of owning her own home, but realized she couldn’t afford the typical mortgage price in the community. Not wanting to prolong her dream, she applied to partner with Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West (Habitat STW) to achieve homeownership. After being approved, she hit the ground running on her sweat equity hours by working at the Habitat STW ReStore.

“I really enjoy working at the ReStore,” says Tkeyah. “The staff is amazing and I love meeting all the volunteers and homeowners during my shift.” Tkeyah also enjoys attending the required homeownership education courses, with her favorite being Financial Fitness.

“The financial fitness classes make you reflect on how much you’re spending and help you with budgeting,” says Tkeyah. “During this class series we also created vision boards to help us visualize our goals and then discussed how we can accomplish them.”

Tkeyah also notes that the Home Maintenance classes are extremely beneficial. “I have never owned a home,” says Tkeyah. “I just feel better prepared knowing these skills, such as how to change an AC filter. I didn’t know you needed to do that!”

The construction of the Bunns Family Home will be a part of Women Build 2019 Fueled by Chevron. Women Build is an annual project in which Habitat STW brings together women from all walks of life to actively address the problem of children living in poverty by building safe, affordable homes. As a single mother, Tkeyah firmly believes that women have the ability to do whatever they put their minds to. She is a huge proponent of “doing it herself” and is excited to be included in a project with this encouraging message.

Tkeyah feels home is a place you can call your own, filled with safety and comfort. Her biggest motivation during this process is knowing that she will be providing her daughter with a safe, stable home that will always be her shelter. After moving into their Habitat home, Tkeyah believes that life will be less stressful. A graduate of Paul Mitchell Vanguard, she hopes to pursue her dream career of being a hair stylist. By becoming a Habitat homeowner, she will not only build a home, but the strength, stability, and self-reliance for a better future.

“To all the volunteers, I really appreciate everything you do. It’s not taken lightly,” says Tkeyah. “I pray that God blesses you for all the good that you’ve done and are doing. You are amazing!”