

Quarterly Impact Update

February 2023



Broward is one of the nation's most cost-burdened housing markets, making homeownership out of reach for 92% of families.

We're changing that with your help.

Habitat Broward Homeowner Families are grateful for your help.



75%
feel safer
in their
new homes

80%
are comfortable
with their children
spending time outside



94%
report
improved
health

Meet the family...

Cynthia Queen

“I Received My Blessing of Homeownership in July 2022”

“I had always dreamed of owning a home that was ours and without threats or danger.

On Thanksgiving, we sat outside and the kids played with other children in the neighborhood.

We spent our first Christmas in the house and the whole family was there plus the neighbors, it was a dream!



Cynthia Queen's extended family enjoying their first Christmas as Homeowners!



Tameeka Jackson and her sons Cameron & Carter

The home and neighborhood is so safe and wonderful that my grandkids can stay for the summer.”

“Nana, we are so glad you got out of that bad neighborhood, Nana you can sit outside and we can play outside and get an ice cream.”

- Carter
Cynthia's Grandson

Cynthia's Backstory

Cynthia Queen and her daughter Tameeka Jackson are a mother-daughter team who raised a family in their rented apartment for the last 26 years.

Tameeka and her two brothers grew up in this apartment, which was also a home base for Cynthia's grandsons Cameron (3) and Carter (6).

Before her Habitat home, Cynthia and her husband applied to many housing programs and none ever came through for them. This was very discouraging, but Cynthia kept her faith and kept trying.

Then Cynthia's husband was diagnosed with lung cancer. Her daughter decided to leave Florida State and came home to help take care of her father.

Things continued to get worse with the apartment, which was run down due to improper maintenance and a lack of necessary repairs by the landlord. The family fell behind on rent due to the cancer diagnosis. The landlord never made good on repairs and there was mold in the apartment.

Cynthia's husband lost his battle with cancer at age 50 in October 2014 and the neighborhood continued to deteriorate. Cynthia would take her grand babies to school and outdoor drug use and needles would be just feet away from them. The neighborhood became so bad that Cynthia would lay down

at night and hear gunshots. Everyone had to stay inside unless going to school, work or out for basic errands.

Your support helps uplift people like Cynthia and her family. After many years of housing challenges, this gracious family can be together in safety, health, and happiness.

"For the first time in my 63-year life, I have achieved Community - we look out for each other and that makes me feel even more safe and happy."



Cynthia Queen (center) with her son Felton and daughter Tameeka

Giving Thanks to the Habitat Broward Donors

"I would like to tell the donors, thank you because none of this would be possible without your loving generosity. You are helping so many families' dreams come true, giving them safety, security and happiness.

I cannot thank Habitat's supporters enough, these donors are making this dream come true... you have shown us that dreams really can come true."



Tameeka Jackson, Cynthia Queen, Felton Queen 3rd Tameeka's sons Cameron & Carter

"Thank you for giving me the gift of being able to sit on my very own porch and watch my babies play together in the sunshine."



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