

# Quarterly Impact Report

December 2023

This summer, with your help, the Harris family moved their family from a tiny apartment into their very own home. New homeowners Lashicia and Alfred are now determined advocates for Habitat’s work that has given their family a safe, decent forever home.

One of the greatest gifts of homeownership for a parent is that it provides their children with the safety, security, and opportunity that only a stable home can provide.

Children of homeowners are 



“My children’s future is so much brighter and more secure now that we own our own home.”

**Lashicia Harris**  
Habitat Homeowner



25%

more likely to graduate high school and twice as likely to acquire post-secondary education.



81%

of new homeowners feel comfortable with their children playing outside for the first time.



53%

of children’s grades improved.



92%

of homeowners report their family is healthier after moving in.\*

\*Habitat for Humanity International and Florida International University’s Metropolitan Center’s Habitat Broward Homeowner Outcomes study.

# IN MY OWN WORDS



Left to Right: Khloe, Deion, Lashicia, Alfred, Joshua, Jahmil



We are truly thankful to all of Habitat for Humanity of Broward's supporters for making our dream of homeownership a reality. I'm proud to continue to share our story to help other families looking for a hand up to achieve the empowerment of homeownership for their family." - Lashicia

Watch Lashicia speak at our Coral Springs Groundbreaking



## Lashicia's Journey

"My name is Lashicia Harris, I'm a wife and mother of four children (I have three sons and a daughter) on October 11, 2023 at 10:15am my husband Alfred and I officially became homeowners!

It was a long journey, but along the way we gained so much knowledge and wisdom. When that day came we were so proud and overwhelmed with joy.

I have watched my family blossom before my eyes and see such a drastic change in my children. My children are happier, at peace and have a sense of security and a place to truly call their own.

Our discipline, dedication and determination brought us to the finish-line of homeownership. Our family of 6 went from a 2-bedroom 1-bathroom apartment to a beautiful 4-bedroom,3-bathroom house.



## Housing is the first rung on the ladder to economic opportunity.

A family's access to that affordable homeownership fundamentally impacts almost every aspect of a child's quality of life. Child welfare professionals, educators, pediatricians and economists agree homeownership is of central importance to healthy happy kids. Habitat parents agree:



*DellaReese, Arrianna, Ja'Liyah, Harmoni and Paige Mallory*

### Valerie Braddy

"After we moved my daughter could finally learn to ride a bike simply because it had never been safe to be outside before. Now my children are outside all the time playing with neighborhood kids and building community."

Benjiman Thompson a Mechanical Claims Analyst and Valerie Braddy an after-school program Campus Monitor believe their Habitat home has changed the trajectory of their children's lives forever.

### DellaReese Mallory

"Homeownership has brought my family together because now we have room to sit at the table and work on homework together, or simply have a meal with the whole family and enjoy those moments of togetherness."

This mother of four daughters, grew up in foster care and is driven to provide them with the stability and security she always wanted. DellaReese is so happy to be able to move out of a dangerous neighborhood and a crowded one-bedroom apartment that had no space for privacy or a place to play.



*Benjiman Thompson, Valerie Braddy and family*



*Jaiden, Zamayah, and Jimmy with mom Mayra*

### Mayra Torres

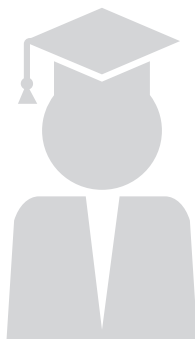
"It's my responsibility to create a safe environment for my children to live in that allows them a childhood full of great memories."

Mayra Torres has been a Customer Relations Supervisor at Seminole HardRock Hotel and Casino for 11 years and lives with her three children in a two-bedroom apartment. The whole family looks forward to spending the new year in a new four-bedroom, two-bath home of their own.



# Homeownership empowers children to lead happier, healthier lives

**90%** of homeowners  
report they  
feel better about their children's future



Children of Homeowners are  
**25%**  
more likely to  
**graduate from high school**  
and twice as likely to  
**acquire post-secondary education**



**92%**  
of Habitat homeowners  
report their household  
was **healthier**  
after moving in.



**3** out of **4**  
**Habitat children**  
spend more time with  
**friends and classmates**



Children of homeowners  
**consistently outperform**  
children of renters in  
**math and reading**



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