Austin Habitat for Humanity®

Heather's Family Story

Heather is a single mother who has spent many years of her life here in Austin. As a child, she moved here with her family and left several times but has always seemed to find her way back to this city. She sees Austin as the mecca of the south, a melting pot of intellectually open-minded, generous people. The access to resources that the city provides, whether it's community parks for hiking with her son or community resources for her clients, is something she loves deeply.

Heather is passionate about paying it forward. From a young age, she learned from her grandmother the value of helping others, and she is guided by that lesson in her work every day. She works at a local nonprofit, training up and coming social workers full time, and works part-time at another local nonprofit, helping people receive access to nutrient-dense foods.

She currently lives in an apartment that is too small for her family. It is not in the safest area, and she does not feel comfortable letting her son play outside. While she believes the apartment complex is trying its best, they have, generally, been short-staffed and have had difficulties completing maintenance issues promptly.

Heather is dreaming of a space that is truly her own. She envisions her new Habitat home as a sanctuary, where she can mute the outside world's noise to rest and rejuvenate with her son. They are excited about the yard and have goals of walking outside to her garden to pick what they will use for dinner. In addition, Heather is excited to have space for guests to come over and entertain. Her son can't wait to have friends over to play.

Heather is extremely grateful for the volunteers, donors, and sponsors that are helping to make her homeownership dreams come true. She says, "Thank you for seeing beyond yourself, beyond a label or an organization, seeing to the soul of humanity. You have seen the need and answered the call. All too many times, people feel forgotten or passed up, but you are saying, I see you, here is my hand, take it and raise."