

Meet Netana Smith & Her Three Sweet Children
Denetra, Devin, and DeMaya



“Benefiting My Kids”

Netana Smith, a single mother with a heart of gold, has a deep gratitude for those who reach out. At the young age of 16, Netana was diagnosed with Leukemia and spent six months at the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. That was the first of many obstacles she would have to overcome to get to where she is today!

As Netana and I sat in my office talking about life, Habitat, owning a home, and who she was, she often would bring up her mother. Netana’s mom lived with her and devoted much of her time helping raise her three beautiful grandchildren. When she passed in 2001, Netana found herself in a very difficult place. “It was a difficult road for me to bear without my mom, and I was not sure what to do. All I knew was that I had to do something for my kids!” At this time, Netana and her children are living in a two bedroom home with little space. They are thrilled to have their own room!

Netana’s Habitat journey began with a meeting at a little booth in Pizza Hut. Many of her friends encouraged her to apply for the program and after meeting with Regina Harvey, she saw a glimmer of hope. Netana told me with a smile on her face, “I have learned in this life that you should never take for granted the help that is offered to you and that your children should always have a better life than you!”

Netana’s home will be the 2008 House of Faith! It has been her faith that has kept her motivated throughout her life. She is forever thankful to all of those who are volunteering their time, their skill, their prayers, and their resources to allow Netana to give