

Meet Tabitha & Her Family



Trusting Beyond Knowing

Tabitha was born in Murfreesboro, TN. She and her older sister were raised by their mother and grew up in public housing. As a child, Tabitha enjoyed skating on Friday nights and hanging out with her friends. During the summertime, she volunteered in her community, performing clerical tasks through a program called "Youthcan." Despite the odds being stacked against her as a teen mom, Tabitha juggled raising her daughter, attending school full-time, and working at "Mickey D's" part-time. Giving up was not an option! After high school graduation, Tabitha went on to earn her CNA license and is currently working at Pain Management Group.

Although Tabitha had always hoped to someday be a homeowner and provide more opportunity and stability for her children, due to the overpriced rental rates in her area, her only option was to rent subsidized housing.

In 2008 Tabitha attended classes to help prepare her for applying to the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program. She had a few friends that had become homeowners and was aware that RCHFH was building homes in her old neighborhood. Unfortunately, she became discouraged and gave up. "At the time, I was not in the proper mind space to do the work," she explained. "It just wasn't my season."

More than a decade later, Tabitha found herself considering RCHFH again. She wanted more for her family. "The apartment complex I had resided in for 8+ years was no longer safe, there was little to no peace, and there were several health hazards left unrepaired", Tabitha said. After seeing the impact on her family, Tabitha knew she needed to step out on faith. In 2021 Tabitha applied for the RCHFH program and was denied. When she received the denial letter, it challenged her to be more prepared next time. In the Spring of 2022, Tabitha applied for the RCHFH program again. This time she was accepted!

When Tabitha received the news, she called her mom immediately. "We are very close, and she helps a lot with my children," Tabitha said, smiling. "My mother always hoped to one day provide a home for my sister and me. It is exciting that she is seeing this dream come true and that she will be a part of it."

Tabitha is enjoying the homeowner classes and is having a lot of fun making selections for her new home. She can hardly wait to start getting her hands dirty and building her house. The house will be a haven for her family, providing generational wealth and a new sense of stability. They are looking forward to family gatherings, meeting new neighbors, and making new friends. This will be the beginning of a new season for Tabitha and her children.

Tabitha is extremely thankful to those who are giving their time and resources to help build a quality, affordable home for her family