

Meet Makella



My Moment Is Here

Makella was born and raised in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She, along with her twin sister and three siblings were raised by her mother and stepfather. As a young girl, Makella enjoyed drawing, playing volleyball, and watching television. She also spent a lot of time with family and friends.

When Makella was fifteen, she got her first job at Opryland Theme Park. From that point on she has been working hard to get to where she is today. There were times she was working two jobs, seven days a week to make ends meet and save. "I always try to keep a positive attitude and do what needs to be done," she said. "Through life's journey, God has always been my caretaker."

Makella has lived in an apartment for most of her adult life. However, when her rent payment went up multiple times in less than a year, she knew she had to make a change. Her sister suggested that Makella look into Habitat for Humanity. She honestly thought that she would not meet the qualifications but decided to try anyway. The first time she put in her application, she was not accepted because she had not been at her current job long enough. After waiting two years, she reapplied and left it in God's hands.

When Makella received the phone call that she was accepted into the program, she was shocked and very excited. "I was at a loss for words when I found out," she said smiling. "I cannot believe it is finally happening right now." She has thoroughly enjoyed the classes, meeting people, and learning about what it means to be a homeowner. Makella is equally excited to be a part of the building process and watching her dream come true.

Makella is very grateful to the donors and volunteers that are providing this opportunity and life-changing experience. She is looking forward to the next chapter of her life that will be in the solidarity and comfort of her home. "I plan on reading, exercising, baking for loved ones, and resting often," she said smiling.