

Meet Talicia & Her Daughter



Talicia was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The middle of four children, Talicia and her siblings were primarily raised by their mother. As a young child, Talicia enjoyed riding her bicycle, pretending to be a cosmetologist with her dolls, and playing T-ball. Her dream was to one day enter the healthcare industry and become a nurse.

When Talicia graduated from high school, she immediately began taking CNA Classes. In 2014, she earned her Nursing Assistant Certification and then enrolled at MTSU to study Social Work. In 2016, she welcomed her daughter as she continued to work and attend school. In 2024, Talicia earned a master's degree in Social Work. She currently utilizes her degree at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a Social Worker.

After moving in and out of apartments for several years, Talicia began to focus on something more permanent. A friend mentioned the Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program and her mom encouraged her to apply. The first time Talicia submitted her application, she was unsuccessful. She was very determined and worked hard before reapplying in 2024. She was both surprised and excited when she received the call that she had been accepted into the RCHF Homeownership program.

Talicia has really enjoyed taking the required homeownership classes. "They have been extremely educational," Talicia shared. "I am also thankful for the connections I am making with my future neighbors as well as having accountability to stay on course." The excitement continues to build as she prepares to start making selections for her home and volunteering on the build site. Talicia is ready to get her girly, girl hands dirty!

Once the home is complete, Talicia plans on sitting on her front porch and soaking everything in. She hopes to host family dinners and entertain her friends as well. Her daughter is looking forward to dancing in her room and continuing to work on her cosmetology skills.

Talicia and her daughter would like to give a special thank you to the RCHF staff, volunteers, and sponsors that are making the dream of homeownership possible. "Your assistance in this project is invaluable and I am so grateful for your generosity and willingness to lend a hand and donate your time, talent, and treasure" she said smiling. "You truly are making a lasting impact on our lives!"