

BUILDING HOMES, COMMUNITIES, AND HOPE



Dear Friend,

Sasha and Solomon found out they were expecting a son seven years ago. They knew they needed safer and more stable housing as their family began to grow. Sasha says, "When I discovered the long waiting list for Section 8, I asked Solomon if he knew about Habitat for Humanity." Solomon recalled, "In early 2000, one of my mom's friends got a Habitat home, but I didn't think it was something we could do. Sasha later found out that we qualified." Sasha and Solomon applied and began their first-time homebuyer classes in Summer 2018.

Habitat for Humanity builds "partnership housing" that centers on those in need of adequate shelter working side by side with volunteers to build safe and affordable houses. With the help of community partners and volunteers, Sasha and Solomon have now been in their Habitat home for more than four years. Solomon says,

 **Habitat has allowed me to focus on my career and family without the stress of ever-increasing rent."**

These are the stories that Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley hears again and again. We have now partnered with over 300 families in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties to help them realize their dream of affordable homeownership. We believe that financial relief along with a practical homeownership education allows families to become financially independent and better provide for their children. Ultimately, neighborhoods get safer, civic engagement increases, and local economies grow as we help families achieve affordable homeownership.

The combination of economic and emotional well-being provides the space for families to thrive. Sasha says, "Our son loves to play on his trampoline in the backyard. He is often joined by neighborhood children. Sometimes it all seems like a dream." Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley encourages you to partner with us. Our mission is to build homes, communities, and hope, but there is still a lot of work to do. We desperately need to increase our inventory of buildable land, raise financial support, and engage volunteers so that we can serve even more local families. Together we can build a better future for families in Madison, Limestone, and Jackson Counties.

In Partnership,



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