

The Epps-Brown Family

Daisy is mother to Daizia (22), Khalis (12), and Kevin (3). She works as a food service manager for IPS and attends Grace Missionary Baptist Church. She is currently renting a house with a roof that is leaking and no yard for her son to play outside.

Homeownership means the world to me and my family. Every time I think of what future holds for this homeownership “thing” I can barely keep it/myself together. It means my family can rest knowing I don’t have to depend on a landlord up holding his end of the bargain. It means my daughters will have a prime example of what hard work and dedication looks like. Homeownership means my son will have a safe place to ride his bike and play in the yard. Homeownership means I can invest in myself. Homeownership means peace, tranquility and contentment.

I’m currently renting a 4 bedroom house and pay \$800 a month. It’s hard. I do not have central air. We have two small window unites that do NOT cool off the house, that in return cause an extremely high electricity bill.



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For the past 3 years my family usually sleeps in the one bedroom that has the air unit in the summer months. Kevin is three and was recently diagnosed with asthma so adequate cooling is extremely important now.

Over the years after plenty of trials and error with very little guidance I realized that homeownership is possible. That's all I want for my family. I want to show them it's possible, it can be more than just a dream. I want to have a place I can call my own and have a place where my children can always have a safe haven.

I have several goals for my new home: the number one is my family sitting down at dinner time together. I have another goal: I would like to have a bench dedicated to my mom who passed away before approved for this home. We actually started this process together. My mother had a stroke 21 years ago and had lived with me ever since. The very first thing needed to complete the application process is a photograph of our family and that was a great way to get my family to take a picture together. Unfortunately, my mom past away recently and I know how important homeownership meant to her. Another goal is to stay in my home.

I'm so excited and proud of this journey. In my first new home I'm excited about all things new. I'm excited about a new start. I can smell the paint when I think about the house. I'm looking forward to having my kids' birthday parties in the back yard and planting hostas around the porch. My homeownership journey has been a struggle. I desire nothing more than to be stable with my children. Helping with the build and construction of my own home along with the help and support of my family and friends ... especially my children will be the best thing that ever happened to us. I'm hopeful!