

# meet the Weathers family

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**Erika is a Medical Coding Analyst at Bill Dunbar and Associates. She is mother to a 10-year-old daughter, Phoenix.**

**“** I'm becoming a homeowner to provide freedom, safety, stability, and security for Phoenix and me. In our new home I am looking forward to peace and tranquility, opposed to our apartment environment where it can be noisy and sometimes chaotic. I'd like her to be able to have a yard to play in safely.

We currently live in an apartment off a lake, so it is hard to let her go out and feel like she is safe. My goal in a new home would be to maintain its upkeep so I can pass it down to my daughter. This will allow me to lead by example and teach my daughter about the responsibility of homeownership.

My journey this year has been complicated by my daughter's illness. I attempted to find a home in the past. But because of the stress of having a child at Riley Hospital care, I chose to explore a partnership with Habitat. The program is less stressful, and I have help to navigate the process. **”**

***“I am excited to learn and obtain the knowledge that would benefit me during the process and well after.”***

