

Dear Friends of Habitat for Humanity,

Imagine living in fear of someone breaking into your home.

Imagine sharing one bedroom with your four children.

Imagine living with your four children in an unfinished concrete basement with no windows.

Imagine having one couch and two air mattresses for all five of you to sleep on.

Imagine living in a room with your family with no privacy.



Welcome to Rosetta's world.

Rosetta and her children, ages 18, 15, 11 and 5 years, were forced to move from their apartment due to a rent increase and fear after someone broke in while they were home. Their living situation went from bad to worse as they tried to find a safe, affordable place to live. They moved into one bedroom of a two-bedroom apartment. Being a temporary arrangement, Rosetta and family were forced to move again, this time into her mother's cold cramped concrete basement.

Rosetta, who had previously applied for a Habitat Home, finally qualified to be a Habitat for Humanity partner. Rosetta's fear of being turned down again was replaced with joy when she received the welcoming call. Her children were elated to be chosen. One child said, "Mom, stop playing with me!" The children cannot wait to move to their new home in O'Fallon, where they will attend public school, build relationships with other kids, enjoy sports and explore other activities.

Habitat is a Hand Up, not a Hand Out. Rosetta will invest 200+ hours of sweat equity in building her home by working at her build site, the Habitat Restore and attending finance classes, while also working a full-time job and raising four children.

O'Fallon Area Habitat for Humanity is a (501c3) Christian organization which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. Our goal is to provide safe affordable housing while improving the community.

Everyone deserves to live with dignity and safety. Please support Rosetta, her children and the O'Fallon Area Habitat for Humanity by donating to the 2023 Howling Habitat 5K held October 28, 2023. **Respond by October 12, 2023**, for guaranteed inclusion in promotional advertising.

Questions? Please contact Maria at 618.975.6138 or Betsy at 618.791.5070.

Thank you for your support!