

Courtney Richard

Courtney came to Habitat to make a better life for her daughters, Kyrielle (4) & Laila (6 months). She was living in a run-down old house with a bunch of family and she wanted to have someplace that she and the girls could call their own.

When she found out that she was approved for Habitat's homeownership program, she was excited to get started working for their future!

Courtney's first day on the construction site was an eye-opening experience. At the time she was four months pregnant. "Being pregnant made it a lot harder to do stuff on site. But I did it!" She inspired all of the other partners by working sweat equity right up until Laila was born, and she came back quickly afterwards. Courtney also says that taking the Financial Literacy classes helped her to figure out how to budget for her growing family.

The first thing Courtney plans to do in her new home is cook a big meal and spend some quality time with her kids. "I can't wait for us to have our own peaceful space to be just the three of us together." Courtney says she loves to cook and Kyrielle loves to eat so she's excited about having a brand-new kitchen of her own.

Courtney would like to thank the Habitat staff for helping her thru the program. "Everyone at Habitat is really nice and they treat you like family!" She would also like to thank all of the donors and volunteers with First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge for working with her to build her home. "Thank you so much! It means a lot and I really appreciate all of you!"