Meet the future Habitat homeowners:

Santos moved to the United States from Mexico 19 years ago. Once in the US, he met his wife Danielle. They now have four children: Danielle, Michael, Santos, and Jesus.

Santos works for a landscaping company and has been in his current position for three years. Danielle loves being a stay at home mom to focus on their children. The family adores spending time outdoors by going on bike rides, visiting local parks, swimming and taking trips to visit the lakes up north. All the boys are involved in sports. All year round, Michael participates in sports ranging from football to basketball and wrestling to track. Santos Jr. also enjoys football and soccer, and, despite his recent chemo treatments, Santos Jr. makes sure to do what he can to stay active. For family traditions, the family spends Easter and Christmas at church and participates in a large meal with family members to celebrate. They are looking forward to the first Christmas in their new home once it is completed!

Currently, the family is incredibly grateful for the ability to have lived in government housing for the past 11 years; however, as the children get older, it is harder for them to live in a small house. All three boys share one bedroom, while the daughter has a room, and the parents share the last. Furthermore, the landlord has been slow to respond to outdated items, including: the water heater breaking, the sink leaking and other damaged goods. After Danielle shared her concerns with her mother, Danielle learned about the housing program with Habitat. The thought of building and owning their very own home inspired Danielle and Santos to apply. They are so thankful that their dream of having a stable home where they can raise their children and make lasting memories is finally coming true!