

# CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEEDS YOU TO HELP BUILD THE DISCIPLES FOR HABITAT 31ST HOME



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## LATISHA LEWIS — 1816 MILLBANK ROAD

On Thanksgiving week, after Latisha Lewis spent her hard-earned money on groceries for her holiday meal, her refrigerator stopped working.

As usual, she said, her landlord was in no hurry to fix the problem. “We had to cook everything just so it wouldn’t go bad,” she said. “It was horrible, but it wasn’t the first time so I knew I was just going to have to deal with it.”

Since she moved into her current rental home, Latisha has dealt with faulty plumbing that lead to an outrageous water bill, a faulty heating and cooling system and much more.

“I am so ready to own my own home and not have to depend on someone to do the right thing and take care of their property,” she said.

Thanks to Lexington Habitat and the generosity of sponsors, Latisha will become the proud homeowner in 2014. The Fayette County Schools bus monitor and daycare worker is excited for her children’s future. She has a daughter, Jordaan, 10, and a son, Rodriquez, 5, and her youngest child, Journee, born in February. “My kids have never had a home they could call their own,” she said. “They are very excited.”

“I will be happy just to be able to have a garage so I don’t have to store the kids’ bikes in the kitchen and the kids don’t have to walk out in the weather to get in the car,” she said. “I’m so ready to be independent and have a place of our own.”

### HOMEOWNER IMPACT:

- 98.4% of homeowners were proud of their home.
- 89.1% of homeowners stated having plenty of living space.
- 80% stated that partner family classes prepared them for being a homeowner.
- 87% reported they learned a lot from their sweat equity.
- 41% have been at the same job for 5 or more years (note 7.8% for more than 20 years).

### HOMEOWNER FAMILY IMPACT:

- 96% reported their children were happier after moving into their Habitat home.
- Over 90% indicated their children have a quiet space to do homework.
- 76% stated their children’s grades had improved since moving into their Habitat home.
- 86% reported their children were healthier and sick less often.
- 84% reported their children’s school attendance had improved.

*Lexington Habitat for Humanity partnered with Dr. Stephanie Holcomb-Kreiner of Georgetown College to conduct a Homeowner Outcome Study with current Habitat homeowners. The objective was to assess outcome data and measure the effectiveness of the Lexington Habitat mission.*

**Disciples for Habitat** is made up of our local Disciples of Christ Churches and this year we are building our 31st home. As in past years, Crestwood’s fundraising goal represents one-third of the cost of our Habitat house (\$42,500). *March is our fundraising month.* We hope you can help us with a donation. Please make your checks out to **Crestwood Christian Church** with “**Habitat**” in the memo line or place cash in the pew envelope annotated “Habitat” on the outside. *Thank you for any help you can give. We can only do this if we do it together!*

**Lexington Habitat’s Mission Statement:** *Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope.*