

# MEET THE PARNELL FAMILY



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY

The first thing Raniece Parnell did when she found out she was accepted into the 2019 Habitat St. Charles program was to burst into tears of joy and thank God. She believes that God has made this much-needed opportunity a reality for her family and feels incredibly blessed. This single mother of six does everything she can to make her life better for her kids. She considers a Habitat home to be the best chance her kids have for a better life.

Raniece, Zaniya, Zion, Miracle, Mehki, Ma'Khilee, and Raelyn all live in a two-bedroom apartment. Needless to say, there is nowhere near enough space for the children and all of their things. There is no backyard for the kids to play in, nor is there a playground at their apartment complex. The kids are constantly trapped inside their crowded living space. Neighbors below complain they make too much noise, so Raniece always has to tell the kids to settle down. With a bigger space, the family will finally have a structured, organized environment where the kids can have the freedom to just be kids. Raniece dreams of the day when she will get to play with her kids in their own backyard!

The Parnell family will complete 300 sweat equity hours and pay an affordable mortgage for their home in St. Charles City. Raniece is thrilled to be a part of Habitat St. Charles and believes this is the start of a new life for her family. Her faith is strong and she trusts that God has big plans for her family and for others who seek the blessing of home.