



MEET THE BRIDGES FAMILY

The Bridges family, led by Roderick K. Bridges, Yolanda R. Bridges and his two granddaughters, Nariyah (17) and Nyiah (10), is a tight-knit, fun-loving group that values family time above all. Whether it's enjoying a good meal together, watching football, or reminiscing about their days spent dancing and bowling, the Bridges cherish the simple joys of life. Though Roderick faces physical challenges due to his disability, his resilience and dedication to his family shine through in everything they do.

Currently, the family faces difficult living conditions in a small apartment with limited access. The front door is the only way in and out, and the narrow entrance prevents Roderick from comfortably using his recline cart. Additionally, the stove only works on its highest setting, making daily routines even more challenging. Before this, they rented a home for over 21 years, but when the opportunity to purchase it fell through, they had no choice but to move.

Their journey with Habitat for Humanity began after hearing about the program through their daughter, and since joining, they have embraced the process wholeheartedly. Although they initially felt uncertain during the Homebuyer Readiness (HBR) classes, they soon found clarity and support. The family is grateful for the opportunity to learn about homeownership and is excited to build a stable, secure future.

When asked to complete the sentence, "Habitat for Humanity is..." the Bridges family responded, "giving me and my family a place to call home and have everyone over at the same time."

"We've always been about family," the Bridges say, "and Habitat gives us a chance to create a home where we can continue to build those memories together." The family is eager to start their new chapter in a place that not only meets their physical needs but also offers peace of mind. They're proud supporters of Habitat St. Charles and frequent shoppers at the ReStore, a place they love.

With the help of Habitat St. Charles, the Bridges family looks forward to a future filled with hope, stability, and plenty of time to enjoy family traditions.