

# Partner Family Highlight

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity is pleased to introduce the two families selected to build their houses in partnership with you for *Building On Faith 2010*.

## Meet the Holloway Family

My'yon Holloway was introduced to the Habitat program through one of our existing homeowners, Angela Myers. My'yon was team mom for a boys' football league program in which her son Jeremiah and Angela's son were teammates. After their first conversation about Habitat and what it could do for My'yon's family the rest was history. Here's My'yon's story...

*"I would like to be a homeowner because I want a place where my children can feel safe and proud. I am the 7<sup>th</sup> child in a family of eight children raised in the housing projects by my mother. I left school in the ninth grade after becoming pregnant with my first child, but returned to finish my GED because I recognized the importance of an education and the value in always trying your best.*

*I am now a 29-year-old single mother of four. I work hard at my job, and give my all to being a great mother. I don't have much, but I make the most of what I do have. I have learned to budget and manage my limited finances very well. Nevertheless, I want more for myself and for my children. Over the years, my children and I have moved from the home of family members to a housing project and finally to a decent co-op.*

*Our current residence is not the safest place for a family. There is mold in the bathroom, the rooms are too small, and the AC/heating systems are not well maintained. The heat doesn't work at all in my son's room and was never repaired despite numerous service requests. The outside environment is also very unsafe; neighborhood dogs roam the complex, the neighborhood children fight each other and cars constantly speed in and out of the parking lot.*

*We are now ready for our own home. The pride in owning my own home will show my children that no matter what the odds, they can always become better, productive, good people. They need to know that even when we are down we are never out. Owning a home will make them realize that."*

## Meet the Jones Family

Laura Jones is a 47-year-old mother of one daughter Latoria. Latoria is 13, attends a school of excellence and is very active in the community. Laura has been employed with Fulton County Government for five years and owning her own home will make a huge difference in the lives of her and her family. Not only is Laura a caregiver for her daughter but she has also taken on the responsibility of caring for her disabled mother.

Laura's 83-year-old mother, Alice Jones, came to live with her daughter after recently losing her left leg to diabetes. The conditions in which they now live are not conducive to caring for a disabled person and do not allow Alice to move around the home without difficulty. They live in a 2-bedroom apartment located in a very unsafe inner-city neighborhood. The new home that volunteers will help build for Laura will offer her the proper facilities to care for her mother as well as a secure and stable environment for the entire family to grow.

*"Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to own our very own home. The joy my family feels in our hearts I cannot put into words. I thank God for all of you and look forward to thanking you in person. This home means a brighter future for my daughter, a comfortable environment for my mother and a new beginning for me."*

Laura Jones