

Ms. Tifanee Jackson Biography



Tifanee Jackson said she remembers driving by Habitat for Humanity's subdivision, Harris Crossing, with her children in the car. She said she remembers thinking, "Maybe one day we could live here."

That day is coming.

While she admits to her novice skills in construction, she said she is looking forward to the challenge.

"I'm ready to go out there and build my future," she said. "I know this will change our lives forever."

That future includes her son Jakobi, 8, and her daughter Porter, 2.

While Porter doesn't fully understand what is

happening to her family, Jakobi reacted quickly to the news. Tifanee told him she had a big surprise. He made some guesses, but Tifanee said, "No, this is something we've been waiting for a long time."

When Jakobi understood that he and Porter would have a home of their own, he burst into tears and asked, "When can we move in?"

Tifanee and her two children live in a two-bedroom apartment where she shares her bedroom with her daughter. She said there's little room for her children to play and no safe place outside.

"I need my space and they need their space," she said. "It's so stressful for us."

For Tifanee, it took a long look at her two children to realize she needed to make some big changes in her life now to work on their future.

"I realized I need to step up and be the mom that my kids need me to be," she said.

She graduated from the Climb Wyoming program and was delighted to be hired as a teller at Platte Valley Bank, a job she loves. When she attended an informational session regarding Habitat for Humanity, she held off from applying for a Habitat home, because she knew she needed to work on her finances. It was worth all the work.

"It's still so fresh," Tifanee said. "I have no regrets; I'm moving forward, there's no more looking back."

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